



### MARRIAGE MEANS SOMETHING The Foundation

"In order to discover the line of our duty rightly, we should take our children in our hand, and fix our station a few years farther into life; that eminence will present a prospect, which a few present fears and prejudices conceal from our sight." --Thomas Paine

#### Inspiration

"The Left will say that we are on the wrong side of history, but that doesn't matter if we're on the right side of truth. And the truth is not that [#LoveIsLove](#), but that the love of a man and woman, for life, is God's design for marriage and family. Forty years ago, many people thought ...



Marriage means something that the battle for life was

lost. Over time, our movement and technology helped to change people's hearts and minds to a new understanding of the sanctity of the unborn child. And we will do it again. ... But it will take a faithful remnant. People in America's pews and pulpits who have been silent can be silent no longer. ... Are these rulings demoralizing? Definitely. But we will not let a court's definition of marriage define us. As I've told my staff: we were not called to serve results. We were called to serve God. ... Someday -- years from now -- when law students are memorizing this date and its importance in American history, what will they say about our movement? That it united together and changed the conversation on marriage? That it refused to quit until it transformed state and federal laws?

Hopefully, they will say that you and I stood on truth - and restored marriage and the Author of marriage to their rightful place in American policy." --FRC's [Tony Perkins](#)

#### Faith and Family

"Even a secular person should be required to answer a question before removing such an important cultural underpinning as traditional marriage: If marriage is no longer to be reserved for one man and one woman, as it has for millennia in many different cultures and religions, what is the new standard and on what is it based? Should we change America's motto to 'in polls we trust'? ... Polygamist groups have made it known they wish to be next in line to enjoy full constitutional protection for their lifestyle. ... There are people who favor sex and marriage between adults and children. On what basis should they be denied their 'right to happiness'? Today's 'that goes too far' easily becomes tomorrow's 'right' with a morally vacuous media leading the charge and a morally exhausted people who are afraid to say 'stop,' for fear they'll be labeled 'bigots.'" --columnist [Cal Thomas](#)

#### Culture

"The Supreme Court has decreed that there is no possible rationale beyond hatefulness to oppose changing the ancient institution of marriage. This sets the stage for nearly all religious institutions to be considered agents of bigotry. As many in the pro-marriage coalition have been arguing for two decades, the case for traditional marriage is not about hostility to homosexuality. It's about staunching the decay of the institution that undergirds everything else in our society. To enshrine same sex marriage is to endorse the idea of marriage as adult fulfillment. Marriage is much more than that. But the argument will have to continue outside the legislatures and the courts -- because five members of the Supreme Court have taken our power, our franchise and our sovereignty from us." --columnist [Mona Charen](#)

#### Let Your Voice Be Heard

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making that clear. We need your help on the front lines, because the battle will continue.

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Nate Jackson  
Managing Editor

## The Gipper

"Let us make a vow to our dead. Let us show them by our actions that we understand what they died for. ... Let us continue to stand for the ideals for which they lived and died." --[Ronald Reagan](#)

## Opinion in Brief

"No crisis should go to waste, an eternal truth highlighted in bold by a purported climate change apocalypse that is now the target of actions newly proposed by President Obama. This so-called 'crisis' will flood not various coastlines, but instead the front pages, replacing other, less flattering political headlines for the administration. ... Whatever the weakness of the evidence on greenhouse gases (GHG) and climate effects, the real goal of carbon policy is a regional redistribution of wealth.... In the president's speech there appears the phrase 'carbon pollution' no fewer than 30 times. In the Orwellian language of the environmental left, 'carbon pollution' is carbon dioxide -- a natural substance that is not toxic to humans at many times greater than current ambient concentrations and that protects plants from various environmental stresses. It is unlike any other effluent regulated by the EPA for which less is better. Too little carbon dioxide would make life difficult, and in the extreme case, the Earth uninhabitable. That obviously will not be the result of the president's proposals if implemented. But the large expansion of government power and centralized planning authority inherent in the proposals is not an end to be pursued." --American Enterprise Institute's [Benjamin Zycher](#)



## Government

"A breathlessly exonerative narrative swept the news media [last] week: that liberal groups had been singled out and, by implication, abused by the IRS, just as conservative groups had been. Therefore, the scandal wasn't a scandal but a mere bungle -- a nonpolitical series of unhelpful but innocent mistakes. The problem with this story is that liberals were not caught in the IRS dragnet. ... The case isn't closed, no matter how many people try to slam it shut. On Wednesday Russell George, the Treasury inspector general whose original audit broke open the scandal, answered Rep. Sander Levin's charge that the audit had ignored the targeting of progressives. ... 'We did not find evidence that the criteria you identified, labeled "Progressives," were used by the IRS to select potential political cases during the 2010 to 2012 timeframe we audited.' One hundred percent of the groups with 'Tea Party,' 'Patriot' or '9/12' in their names were given extra scrutiny. ... The revenue-gathering arm of the federal government appears to be politically biased, corrupt in its actions, and unable to reform itself. The only way to make that story go away is to get to the bottom of it and fully reveal it. It's not a bungle, it's a scandal." --columnist [Peggy Noonan](#)

## Political Futures

"It is of no concern to the Democratic Party that illegal aliens are lawbreakers and overwhelmingly minimum-wage workers. Liberals don't care about the working class having millions more low-skilled

workers competing with them, and they certainly don't care about the country. They just want to win elections. ... As happens with so much mischievous legislation, Republicans are being told, 'We have got to do this yesterday!' ... Democrats love to act like everything's a crisis, so Republicans don't have time to think and can be stampeded into doing something stupid. When it comes to government, doing nothing is often the best course. Republicans have to understand: You are not going to be punished by Hispanics for voting against this Obamacare-like monstrosity of an amnesty bill. If you have Hispanics in your district, they're already voting against you. ... Liberals want the rest of the world's poor to come here not only to raise their children, clean their houses, manicure their lawns and cook their meals, but to give birth to the Democratic children that liberals aren't having." --columnist [Ann Coulter](#)

### For the Record

"[T]he FBI announced it will be pulling ads featuring wanted terrorists off Seattle-area buses, due to complaints that they stereotype Muslims. ... Sixteen photos of wanted terrorists are featured beneath the heading, 'Faces of Global Terrorism.' Below the photos, the tagline reads, 'Stop a Terrorist. Save Lives. Up to \$25 Million Reward.' ... King County Metro had received six complaints about the ad on its customer information line. FBI Special Agent Fred Gutt said the pullback was 'a result of our continued engagement with the community and the feedback we are getting.' ... Actually, according to a 2011 National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) report published in 2012, Muslims *are* the face of global terrorism. The report reveals that Sunni Muslims were responsible for 'about 70 percent' of the 12,533 terrorist murders committed in 2011. This compares to 1,926 murders committed by 'secular/political/anarchist' groups, 1,519 by 'unknown' factions, 170 by a category described as 'other,' and 77 by 'Neo-Nazi/Fascist/White Supremacist' groups. ... Islamists, like their leftist allies, have become well-versed in both newspeak and incrementalism. Grievance politics frees them to promulgate intolerant jihadism, even as those who challenge them are tarred as religious bigots. ... What won't be removed is the ongoing

threat to this nation posed by Islamic terrorism and its perpetrators." --columnist [Arnold Ahlert](#)

### Re: The Left

"When we use terms like 'obligation' and 'claim' we are using the language of individualism. But almost no one on the left who writes about inequality believes in individualism. They're all collectivists. What they really believe in is collective decision-making. So what you see happening in post after post is an ethical bait and switch. You get hooked in by the language that is personal and that most of us can identify with. And before you know it you are being asked to agree to something that is completely impersonal -- transferring power and money to government bureaucrats. ... [T]he 20th century was the century of collectivism. It was the century of communist, socialism, national socialism (fascism) and the welfare state. Each and every one of these isms was devoted to taking from some and giving to others. After all these years and all that misery you would think that someone, somewhere would have perfected an argument for forcible redistribution of income. And yet what we find today at the leftwing blogs is truly pitiful. I have said this before, but it bears repeating. The left is intellectually bankrupt. It has been that way for almost a half century." -- columnist [John C. Goodman](#)

### Essential Liberty

"By A.D. 200, the Roman Republic was a distant memory. ... Yet Rome endured as a global power for three more centuries. What held it together? A stubborn common popular culture and the prosperity of Mediterranean-wide standardization kept things going. ... As long as the sea was free of pirates, thieves cleared from the roads, and merchants allowed to profit, few cared whether the lawless Caracalla or the unhinged Elagabalus was emperor in distant Rome. Something likewise both depressing and encouraging is happening to the United States. ... Like diverse imperial Roman citizens, we are united in some fashion by shared popular tastes and mass consumerism. ... If Rome quieted the people with public spectacles and cheap grain from the provinces, so too Americans of all classes keep glued to favorite

video games and reality-TV shows. Fast food is both cheap and tasty. All that for now is preferable to rioting and revolt. Like Rome, America apparently can coast for a long time on the fumes of its wonderful political heritage and economic dynamism -- even if both are little understood or appreciated by most who still benefit from them." --historian [Victor Davis Hanson](#)

### Reader Comments

"[The Consummate Liberal Hypocrites](#) was a wonderful editorial, Mark. I hope it will be read by our youth, but I fear they are too pre-occupied to take notice of this society's destruction by their vaunted leader." --One VA Patriot in Arlington, Virginia

"[Great piece](#) and so true. I am amazed that people can fall for the words that are completely disconnected with actions taken. I pray that God will keep our great nation in His care but I have some grave concerns that these liberal elitists who seem to put themselves before God and Country would like to destroy this Country and its Patriots. Keep up the good work!" -- Debi in Medway, Massachusetts

"Mark, [great essay](#), but you didn't write that! Someone else did. Someone else taught you to read and write and how to type. Someone else built the computer that you wrote your essay on. Someone else 'invented' the Internet upon which your essay was

distributed. Lord knows you would not be where and who you are today without the 'village' that has supported you." --Mike McGinn in People's Republic of Maryland

**Alexander's reply:** Mike, my bad. Should have credited the STATE!

### The Last Word

"Jay Carney, I keep being told, is merely doing what a press secretary is expected to do; namely, put a good face on everything Obama does and says. ... The problem, as I see it, is that the job should not exist in the first place. No president should have at his disposal a person who functions the same way as a criminal defense attorney. I say the president, no matter what his party affiliation may be, should take 30 minutes out of his day to face the White House press corps and answer questions. If he has time to play basketball and golf, hold galas for show biz celebrities, congratulate gay athletes for outing themselves and fly off every other day for a fund raiser, he has the time to answer questions, thus freeing Jay Carney to find honest work while he still has some slight chance of saving his soul." -- columnist [Burt Prelutsky](#)

Semper Vigilo, Fortis, Paratus et Fidelis!  
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