

Explaining the Culture Wars:

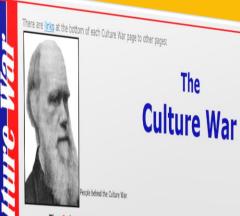
Liberal vs. Conservative



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The clash between liberal and conservative groups defines the political landscape in the US today, and is behind our ongoing "culture wars." Yet conflicts arise on specific issues--say, abortion, gay marriage, or gun control--because of fundamental differences of world-view that underlie these particular issues, which will never be resolved by argument about the issues themselves. Instead we have to understand what makes liberals and conservatives tick as a way of understanding both ourselves and others.



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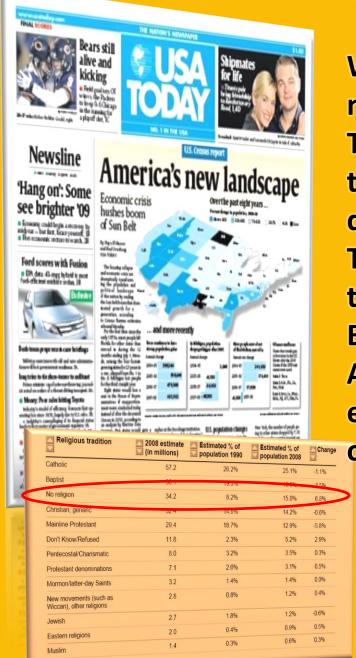
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When it comes to religion, the USA is now land of the freelancers.

The percentage of people who call themselves in some way Christian has dropped more than 11% in a generation. The faithful have scattered out of their traditional bases: The Bible Belt is less Baptist. The Rust Belt is less Catholic. And everywhere, more people are exploring spiritual frontiers — or falling off the faith map completely.

- Cathy Lynn Grossman, USA TODAY

Il Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

c.f. Mark 13:31.



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American Thinker

What is thriving in today's values vacuum? Rock music and pop stars push the envelope with a

hedonistic lifestyle and songs with misogynistic, crude, coarse, and shockingly vile lyrics. Cartoons, popular movies, and television programs portray parents as out-of-touch, oldfashioned, and prudish. Defiant, rebellious children talk back to teachers and parents. Patriotism, family traditions, and religion are treated with disdain. Adults and authority figures with moral values are often held in contempt, subtly mocked, or openly ridiculed. A favorite tactic of television situation comedies is to poke fun at bumbling and inept fathers, school principals, and religious leaders. Weakening respect for parents and other adult authority figures tempts inexperienced youths to make farreaching decisions or take huge risks with potentially costly consequences.

- Janice Shaw Crouse, American Thinker

- **Ephesians 6:1-4** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
- 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:
 - 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."
- 4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.



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"I think the greatest sin in the world is to bring children into the world... that have disease from their parents... delinquents, prisoners, all sorts of things just marked when they are born... that to me is the greatest sin."

"The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of it's infant members is to kill it."

- Margaret Sanger(founder Planned Parenthood)

"In 2010, abortion procedures made up 91% (329,445) of Planned Parenthood's services for pregnant women,..."

- Kerry Picket, The Washington Times

Romans 1:29-32 - being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evilmindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, (without natural affection KJV) unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.



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Would you have ever thought that "Gay Marriage" would have progressed to the level it has in the United States?

Massachusetts - became the first state to legalize gay marriage on May 17, 2004.

<u>Connecticut</u> - November 12, 2008.

<u>lowa</u> - April 27, 2009

Vermont - September 1, 2009.

Washington, DC - December 18, 2009.

New Hampshire - January 1, 2010.

New York - June 24, 2011,

Maine - December 29, 2012.

Washington - December 6, 2012.

Maryland - January 1, 2013.

<u>Delaware</u> - July 1, 2013.

Federal law (every state) June 26, 2015.

Now the TRANSGENDER question!

Romans 1:26-28 - For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;



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Psalm 9:17 - The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.



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- Romans 13:1-2 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.
- 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.



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II Corinthians 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.



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What is the Culture War?

Obey The Gospel. Why should I be concerned? Believe, John 6.2.3 Repent, Luke 13:3 Repent, Matthew 10:32 What I need to Remember? Confess, Matthew 16:16

Baptized, Mark 16:16 What should I do?