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# Sustainability of Conservative Values

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The liberal media outlets and institutions that have been taken over by the left are not discreet about the types of values and ideologies they promote to their followers. They aim to create a utopian society, where religion is non-existent, historical lessons are disregarded, and objective morality takes a back seat to cultural relativism. There is almost no way to avoid this mainstream narrative and utopian vision, because it is promoted through Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook, universities, and so on.

The evidence of its effect on young people is all over. For example, Ariana Grande recently released the song, “God is a woman.” She is a dominant figure in today’s culture and many young women look up to her. Now, referencing God as a woman is trending on many college campuses. Christian women, ignoring all Scriptural and historical teachings that this isn’t the case, are now explicitly using female pronouns to talk about God.

To cite another, and even more recent, example of the media’s influence over individuals with developing minds is how they’ve handled the Kavanaugh accuser. Without bringing any corroborating evidence to the table, and even before her congressional testimony, the media was treating her like a hero. This was with no regard for Judge Kavanaugh and his family who, if in fact this was a false accusation, had to undergo immense suffering, over a potential lie or mistake.

Now, this may not mean anything in a courtroom, but his opening statement was one of the most profound and genuine speeches I have ever seen and I am not likely going to forget it.

All young men may have to start keeping calendars of their own if this is going to be the new normal. What’s sad is that someone, who is so sparkling clean and hasn’t a trace on his record, can be tarnished by a loose accusation going into the pinnacle of his career.

What struck me more than anything were the values he promoted during his speech. These are solid, traditional values that were the foundation of our great society. He brought up how he said prayers with his daughters and one of them added Christina Blasey Ford to the prayer list. Why did his little girl do this for someone, who damaged her family and reputation? I guarantee you that more conservatives would understand this selfless and honorable intention, as opposed to the secular, liberal base. Praying for, and even loving your enemies, is a concept that I confidently assume, is foreign to them.

Will the younger generation take note of the genuine nature of people, like Brett Kavanaugh, and realize that the materialistic and self-serving trend of society is dangerous? The sustainability of conservative values is of the utmost importance and this was magnified by what happened to Kavanaugh this week. I am optimistic that, by the grace of God, we can hold true to our roots and maintain a unified and value-based society. Partially, because I am incredibly inspired by the young, conservative movement.

# An Absence of Leadership in Syria

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When I think about the war in Syria, I always return to a quote by Edmund Burke that declared: “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” There’s a storm brewing in Idlib, a province located on the northern border of Syria and Turkey. As one of the few remaining rebel strongholds, the area holds massive strategic significance in the ongoing civil war. With a population of roughly 2.5 million people, and all sides of the conflict upping their manpower, the possibility of massive bloodshed is extremely high. With the stakes so high, it is of the utmost importance for the United States to take on a greater role in keeping the peace. For starters, the war in Syria holds global consequences: the dislocation of refugees, and the overall stability of the Middle East. In addition to this, the UN has proven itself ineffective in managing past global catastrophes. Finally, the stakes in this upcoming battle are too high for the United States to sit back and hope for the best.

The war in Syria may seem far away, but the consequences of this conflict can be felt throughout the world. The most obvious consequence of the conflict is the massive population of refugees that has been shaken from their homes. In an effort to flee the war-torn region these people face disease, starvation, and risk being caught in the crossfire. The

world community has made efforts to care for these people, but the fact remains that they deserve peace and stability in their homeland. The destabilization of Syria speaks to a larger trend in the Middle East. The overarching power struggle in the region is between Saudi Arabia and Iran, and the Syrian civil war has served as a proxy war for them to flex their muscles. The conflict brewing in Idlib has also brought Turkey and Russia into the mix. These factors have turned Syria into a powder keg that endangers the stability of the entire region. If the United States does not take decisive action to broker a peace, we may see the UN have to take on a greater leadership role.

It is tempting to want to sit back as a nation and allow other organizations like the UN to shoulder the burden of leadership. However, in times of global crisis the United Nations has proved itself largely ineffective. One of the most tragic examples of this came during the Rwandan genocide, when inaction by the UN led to the deaths of 800,000 people. This tragic loss of human life is something we should never wish to be repeated. While I believe that the UN fills an important role in world relations, their lackluster track record in combat zones leaves me skeptical about what they would be able to accomplish in Idlib. More recently, when the Russians annexed Crimea in 2014 there was an overwhelming response by the UN condemning the action. Four years later, and Crimea still remains in Russian hands. The reality of the situation is that the United States is the most powerful nation in the world, and when we fall into isolationist tendencies millions suffer. If the US does not make an active effort to cool the situation in Idlib, we will likely see another tragic episode of violence in an already brutal civil war.

# Nowhere to Go, Part 2: An Exhausting Present

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The ultimate reason why the United States needs to up its stake in the Syrian conflict is because, without our involvement, there is no telling how gruesome the situation will get. To date, around 400,000 people have been killed, and millions more people have been displaced. We have seen lines in the sand crossed time and time again. While I believe that the increased airstrikes of the Trump administration are a welcomed change, I know that we as a nation have more to offer the situation than just firepower. As Turkey, Syria, Russia, and Iran continue to up the ante with their forces it becomes obvious that there is no shortage of destructive capabilities, only in decisive, peace-minded leadership.

As a nation, we have become war weary after nearly twenty years fighting for stability in the region, but we cannot allow this to make us complacent. Above all else, the United States is a beacon of freedom and justice for people across the globe. When we fail the people of Syria, we fail our own ideals. We must take an honest look at the situation in Syria and realize that we are needed. Primarily, because the war in Syria has global consequences. Next, because of the inability of the UN to take action thus far. Finally, because without our involvement there is no telling how many more lives will be destroyed. As a country, we must remember the words of Edmund Burke and refuse to be good men who choose to do nothing.

It's no secret that many people are tired of the same old faces of the Democratic Party. Whether it's Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer or

Dianne Feinstein; many on the left are noticing the need for new leadership. And even if it doesn't make the mainstream news cycle, there have been stories that make me understand why the left doesn't think that the old guard will do them any favors come November.

Despite, at one point in their careers, being very respectful and respectable politicians, the senior congress-people on the left have lately been blinded by their unconditional hate for the president. They seem to think that to be in power over the other guys is their divine right, and so they have shown that they will abandon all pretense or ethics to discredit the current administration and elevate themselves to the top.

For example, Chuck Schumer, not even a decade after giving a fiery speech in opposition to illegal immigration, has all but endorsed the practice. Whenever Donald Trump makes a single policy decision on the issue, Schumer reflexively launches an attack on his character, only to have no facts to back up his barrage of nothing, but feelings. When Barack Obama was president, illegal immigration was universally wrong to him, without exception, even if it meant separating 90,000 families at the border. But as soon as a political opponent took office and made actual progress on the issue, how dare he rip all these hard-working "undocumented workers" from their lives' ambitions of coming to America! Schumer now seems to think that facts are outdated, and no proof is required when calling Donald Trump something like a "pro-corporate, pro-elite, hard-right ideologue."

While Chuck Schumer may only be detrimental to his own party, Nancy Pelosi is not only that, but she may even be benefitting her opponents by some of her recent actions. When the newest economic report showed historically low unemployment numbers, she instead chose to slam her opponents for not raising wages. I particularly loved the way that she chose to express this, saying, "Hip hip hooray, unemployment is down. What does that mean to me and my life? I need a bigger paycheck."

She also likes to refer to herself as a “legislative virtuoso” and bonuses that workers received from the GOP tax cuts as “crumbs.” She has even prompted the Democratic Working Women’s Group to speak out against the control she has on them. Normally, I would call for someone like this to retire, but I honestly think she will be a gift to the Republican Party when she chooses to remain in Congress for another term.

This blinding thirst for regaining control is not reserved to the most senior Democratic members of Congress, however. In fact, many ranking members go beyond the merely verbal attacks that their leaders so often launch, instead each choosing to cause chaos in their own unique style. Dianne Feinstein has shown that nothing is off limits for her as long as she stands to gain politically from a situation. She leaked an interview between the judiciary committee and the co-founder of Fusion GPS because she didn’t like that Chuck Grassley chose not to. She waited to release Brett Kavanaugh accuser Christine Blasey Ford’s letter for eight weeks to have maximum political impact. Among all these breaches of common ethics, perhaps the most serious was that she kept a Chinese spy on her staff for five years after being warned by the FBI about him.

Maxine Waters also personifies what seems to be the left’s common platform. Her only current objective as a member of Congress is diffusing unbridled hatred for Donald Trump, and she stops at nothing to do so. Waters endlessly makes baseless calls for his impeachment without him committing any high crime or misdemeanor, and she openly promotes pushback and violence against anyone that

may support or work for his administration. Her situation should be particularly alarming, as she has prioritized hate-mongering over improving her own deteriorating district, which she doesn’t even live in to begin with (California’s advocate for the poor instead has a \$4.5M mansion in LA).

I could honestly go all day with how many representatives or senators on the left haven’t been doing their party any favors in the past year or two, but I think I’ve made my point known. The Democratic Party has had the same crowd at the top for as long as I and many others can remember, and it’s beginning to show. If that situation remains as it is, then the Republican Party’s chances of holding on to control of Congress are that much higher.

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## Group Theory: The New Game in Town

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Today, narratives carry paramount importance in our technological age. We all read headlines that have become more leading than ever. Unfortunately, getting lost in the mess of American media and their propaganda occurs at an alarmingly frequent rate for copious individuals. Since most individuals get submerged in this propaganda, it is vital that the media do not endorse dangerous world views. Far left sources like Vox, BuzzFeed, etc. endorse a strange and old world view that is gaining traction, especially among younger generations. This world view is generally referred to as group theory. Group

theory examines the world through a poor lens: that there are only the oppressed and the oppressors.

This world view has materialized twice in recent human history: in Nazi Germany, and the Soviet Union. Group theory leads those who lean left into radical socialist beliefs, because from a leftist perspective--the logical response to fully liberating the oppressed and fully defeating the oppressor is guaranteeing equality of outcome. Equality of outcome is nonsensical and can only be enforced through violent militaristic intervention, as seen in the Soviet Union when Josef Stalin killed anywhere between 20-100 million people in opposition to his political agenda. Conversely, a more cynical lens through this world view materializes into group supremacy. Group supremacy is equally dangerous because it values the status of a certain racial or sexual group more than others. Although group supremacy appeared in Nazi Germany, today some leftists, like postmodern feminists, subscribe to this ideology.

When the mistreatment of groups is obvious and egregious, sensible minds generally prevail and liberate these groups. The American left often pushes the argument of the past--that America's prior transgressions scarred our social fabric so deeply that today some subconscious bigotry still exists. This argument is so complex, and could maybe be the subject of another article, but to argue that women, African-Americans, or any other group, minority or not, deserves privilege over others is categorically dangerous. Every time one group is bolstered over others, bigotry follows. It was true in America for generations. It was true in Nazi Germany. It is true with

postmodern feminism. It is true in the media, as The New York Times' own Sarah Jeong denounced white people as a group ample times on Twitter.

In summation, we must look past the headlines and sift through the propaganda today more than ever before. Historically in America, our western ideals value the individual over all else, for the individual is the ultimate minority. These ideologies have proven durable against the test of time to promote freedom and the pursuit of happiness. Whether it be postmodern feminism, white supremacy, or any other group theory, we must not jeopardize our moral truth that all individuals are unique and should be examined by the content of their character, not whichever arbitrary group they belong to.

## The UC Update

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