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In Evangelical contexts, I have been taught:
Don't use oral/chemical birth control because it's abortifacient.
Don't vaccinate because vaccines are made from fetal cell lines.
Don't vote Democrat because they're Pro-Choice.
And God forgive me for ever reading Douglas Wilson's teachings.

Robert Jeffress, Al Mohler, Franklin Graham, James Dobson, John MacArthur, Jerry Falwell Jr, Wayne Grudem, and how many other White Evangelical leaders all said Trump was the right choice for President in 2016 and was again in 2020. Major Evangelical Leaders have tried to inextricably link Christianity with the Republican Party.

In fact, today: "Mohler expressed shock and sadness over the events, and the Christian symbolism that was dragged along with it, but said he did not regret voting for Trump in the "binary system." That said, Mohler did say that Trump "bears full responsibility for his actions and his words. And he bears full responsibility for encouraging what amounted to an attempted insurrection against the United States government." <https://www.relevantmagazine.com/.../al-mohler-is.../>

So Trump bears full responsibility, but Mohler would still rather vote for him and encourage Christians/White Evangelicals to vote for him? So....Al Mohler and the SBC would rather denounce CRT than President Trump? Got it...umkay.

John Piper released a podcast episode this week with 4 reasons not to use vaccinations that use fetal cell lines. Sure, there's a disclaimer that neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine use fetal cell lines, but Desiring God still felt like this week (while the COVID vaccine is being released) was great timing for this helpful, evangelical reminder.

The White Evangelical Church has to understand that waving a Trump flag and continuing support for Trump is forever going to be synonymous with waving the Confederate Flag. You've chosen which fibers of belief to weave together. You cannot separate the two, even if you scream yourself hoarse that you agree with one and not the other. When the very fabric of your beliefs and leader unravel, and you STILL go down waving it loud and proud, building monuments to remember when you were trying to MAGA, don't come all up on my wall with the accusations of me not being Christian enough just because I broke all of your rules.

I took birth control. I vaccinate. I voted straight ticket Democrat in 2020. I do believe Black Lives Matter. I do believe systemic racism exists in cities, counties, states all across our country and at the federal level, and I believe that White Evangelical Churches promote it, or at



sins, the fulfillment of all of God's promises that are "Yes!" because of Christ Jesus...even the promise of eternal life.

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM?



Christian nationalism is a cultural framework that idealizes and advocates a fusion of Christianity with American civic life. Christian nationalism contends that America has been and should always be distinctively "Christian" from top to bottom—in its self-identity, interpretations of its own history, sacred symbols, cherished values, and public policies—and it aims to keep it that way.

But the "Christian" in Christian nationalism is more about identity than religion. It carries with it assumptions about nativism, white supremacy, authoritarianism, patriarchy, and militarism.

How does Christian nationalism show up in politics and policy?

According to multiple academic studies using large, nationally representative surveys, Americans who embrace Christian nationalism are more likely to:

- Approve of authoritarian tactics like demanding people show respect for national symbols and traditions
- Fear and distrust religious minorities, including Muslims, Atheists, and Jewish people
- Condone police violence toward Black Americans and distrust accounts of racial inequality in the criminal justice system
- Believe racial inequality is due to the personal shortcomings of minority groups
- Report being "very uncomfortable" with both interracial marriage and transracial adoption
- Hold anti-immigrant views
- Fear refugees
- Oppose scientists and science education in schools
- Believe that men are better suited for all leadership roles while women are better suited to care for children and the home

Information from *Taking America Back for God: Christian Nationalism in the United States*, by Andrew Whitehead and Samuel Perry (Oxford University Press, 2020).



How do researchers identify Christian nationalism?

Americans who embrace Christian nationalism strongly agree with statements like:

"The federal government should declare the United States a Christian nation."

"The success of the United States is part of God's plan."

"The federal government should advocate Christian values."

Learn more: ChristiansAgainstChristianNationalism.org

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And isn't it interesting that White Evangelical Leaders have their list of unforgivable sins that disqualify a pastor from leadership, an athlete from professional sports, an actor from theater, etc...but Trump is still going strong? What a magical uni... See more

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 **Erin Katherine**

Hear, hear! Get this gal a mike!!!!

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Thank you! Such truth sadly.

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Wow, Janette! You've been turned on! Preach it!

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Please make this shareable! I have always admired your ability to take a stand for justice and truth and to be real! I love you and your family & miss you greatly!

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 **Adrienne Eubanks Brynds**

You are such a wise and Godly woman. I'm very proud to be your friend.

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 **Brenda Gill**

BOOM! Perfectly said!

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 **Jen Greener Berge**

Wait- didn't a certain Bethlehem elder who is a family doc come to moms one year and explain why the fetal cell lines should NOT discourage us from vaccinating? As usual- I'm confused. Again. But YES and AMEN to all you just said!! 😊❤️

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I have developed a crush on you after this.

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Sara Murphy Thompson
Amen

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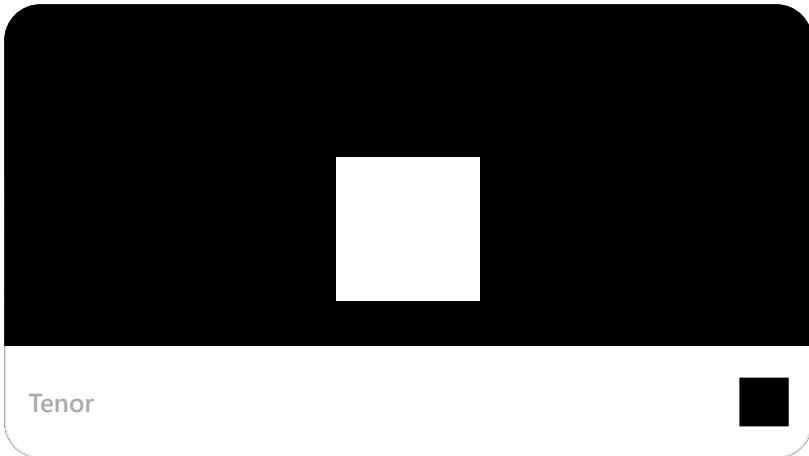


Olivia Newfield
This is just wonderful. You've said so clearly and succinctly what I've been seeing, hearing, feeling for the past few years (at least)! Are you able to make this public so we may share with others?

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Hilary Engel



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Hannah Biros
Thank you for writing and sharing this!

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Helen Henson
Brilliant, Janette Takata. Couldn't agree more.

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Adrienne Frank
YESSSSS

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Yes!

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Abby Willis Shull
Amen to all of this!

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Rachel Frost
110% agree, Janette Takata.



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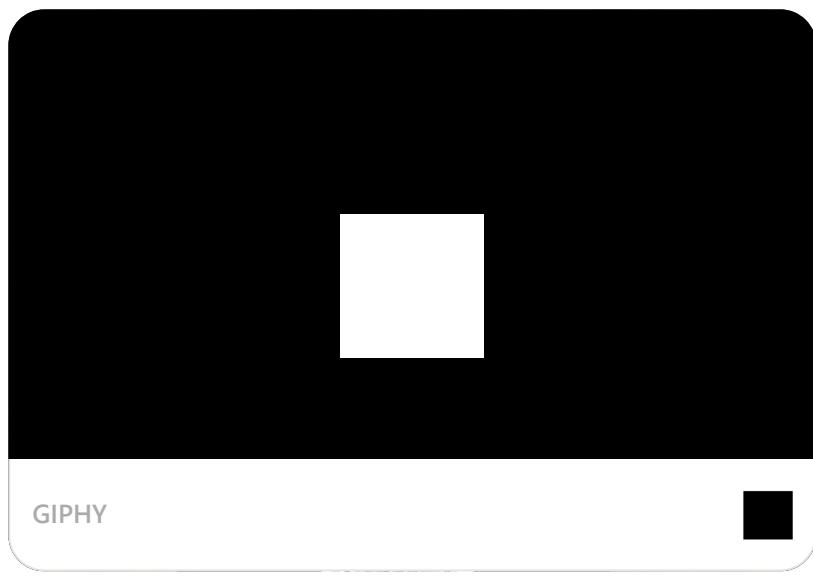


Anna Johnson Jungers
Thank you for writing this!

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Yes.



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Great writing and way to take a stand

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Katie Rounds Nelson

Have I mentioned you should run for office??

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Jennifer Robinson

I can't thank you enough for sharing this - moral courage is what is called for in this emerging era.

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Moe Riordan Booth

Can't vote Democrat, abortion kills innocent life and it's part of the Democratic platform, I believe every sin is forgivable through Jesus Christ but to be part of something so evil, can't do that...

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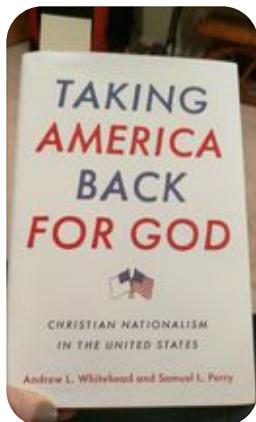


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