

# I'm So Concerned

*...and I'm not the only one...*

There are days I wonder if we can save this country. Yes, this country needs saving. You can take that spiritually, morally, politically, fiscally, or physically.



I was shocked to hear from a New York City Councilman who spoke at the Black, White & Brown Conference I attended the other weekend in San Antonio, that only 14% of New Yorkers are Christian. Should I really be shocked?

During my lifetime, just shy of completing sixty years, our values, principles, and respect for one another has virtually disappeared. On our way to lunch today, we had to stop and let a funeral procession pass. I commented to my husband that it almost seemed odd that we still show respect to the dead when our culture has lost respect for one another - the living. How much longer will we continue to honor our dead. Maybe they don't any longer in larger cities.

I have a hard time imagining Donald Trump becoming our President. I get the message that Americans are sick and tired of what we've had. I am too! But how can we allow someone to hold that office that we cannot respect and look up to (except some do for his wealth), much less encourage our children to look up to with aspiration and respect. Becoming President has always been an office that held such honor until Clinton spoiled it in the Oval Office with Monica and now Obama sold it out by "changing America" into something we can't recognize.

We need to restore the office with dignity, respect, honor, and good old-fashioned common sense. It's not an office for a bully - our schools are plagued with bully issues. How devastating will it be for our children's school bullies to point to the President to defend their out-of-order conduct.

It's not an office for name calling and labeling others. Obama has done a great job of doing this by who he called out and who he chose not to mention by name, creating a huge divide between the races, birthing the chant that "black lives matter." That's created a war on our police officers across this nation.

Trump has labeled Rubio and Cruz, calling them, and others in the race, names. Jeb - the low energy; Marco - little Marco; Carly - her face; and so it went, until he is now trying to ruin Cruz by calling him a liar. None of the titles were true.

But he planted doubt in the mind of voters - he succeeded. We don't let our children do this - why would we let ourselves elect a President who does this?

Ethics are sorely needed. Principles and strong character are sorely needed.

I am pleased that Trump has awakened a largely sleeping voter block. That in itself has been a good thing. But watching what has been happening over the last couple of months makes this look more like a reality game show, than a Presidential campaign.

All of this makes me think of the old Burger King slogan: "Where's the beef?" I can't find the beef in Trump's grandiose verbiage. I watch the "huge" crowds, as Trump reports, like sheep being lead to the slaughter. Are we being promised lots of goodies that tickle our ears, without any substance to back them up? Has our culture been so trained by TV reality shows to seek the "showman," entertainer, and goodies over the truly qualified?

That same mindset comes all the way home. I'm very concerned about the upcoming City Council election. Our current Council is the most liberal minded I've seen seated in San Angelo, and with the line up in the May races, we need to wake up. In the coming weeks I hope to share much more on this issue. We must find some voices to start saying NO or we will soon be broken. For the first time in my lifetime, I'm hearing business owners talking about selling out and leaving here because of the out of control taxing, fees, and cost of doing business here due to the City!

But there is hope. As I have mentioned, I have been working hard on a new phase of my business. As I have been bringing folks on board to get ready to launch, what they have been exposed to has had a positive impact on them. On the evening of March 1st, one of them texted me from Houston, reporting it hadn't snowed that day. What?

As she put it, "this yellow dog democrat voted Republican for the first time in her sixty plus years. She now understood that her values more clearly aligned as a Republican than a Democrat." Another one, a young man, as he's worked and heard lots of material on what's happening in our country, commented that he didn't have a clue this (facts on various topics) was happening. He is enjoying being better informed.

That's the key. People need the facts. They want and need to know the truth. That is what we are preparing to bring to you in greater force and fashion. It won't be much longer. Get ready! You're about to Encounter Truth!

Until next time....

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