

Passing On the Torch of Liberty...It is not too late

President Reagan warned that if we don't fight for liberty, it would be only one generation from extinction. But what if the next generation doesn't want freedom?



Caution: There's a group of people out there who've even decided that freedom is the **new F-word**. It reminds us of Isaiah 5:20, where the world is at a point, where good must be called evil, and evil will be called good.

Is freedom at the risk of extinction in America?

Fortunately, more Americans are realizing we are closer to Reagan's warnings than ever before. Having the courage to stand for liberty is not an option if we want to keep our God-given rights.

For this week's briefing, Ryan Helfenbein is in the Economic War Room® from the Standing for Freedom Center at Liberty University. Ryan shares what America must do now to fight for liberty. All is not lost, but it is time Americans stand with boldness.



Your Mission: To ensure freedom is here for the next generation.

Ep. 5-180 (OSINT) Open-Sourced Intelligence Report. This briefing includes Economic War Room® conversations with Kevin Freeman and Ryan Helfenbein. Ryan is the executive director of the Standing for Freedom Center and the vice president of communications and public engagement at Liberty University.

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1. Freedom is now the new F-word among some of today's youth.

How to pass Liberty on to the next generation.

Well, every day we have to fight to preserve liberty, and I know that's the fight that you're in. But our viewers want to know:

The Question: How do I pass liberty to the next generation even if they don't seem to want it?

"I think we have to understand first and foremost what the root of that liberty is. I think, fundamentally to pass it on successfully, as Reagan pointed out, and as many others have pointed out, I think the roots of that liberty are actually spiritual and inherently moral. It is not just political. We have to understand what the founders understood about this country, that these were pre-political rights, inalienable, given to us by God, our creator." -Ryan Helfenbein

Has America Lost its Christian foundation?

Our founders and the pretext of that society were inherently Christian. Today, America is losing that understanding.



George Barna did a research study on how many Americans have a Christian or biblical worldview.

- Roughly 6% polled favorably where they could answer biblical questions coherently. They had a basic understanding of the scriptures and that's the context of the current society that we live in.

It becomes hard to pass on something to another generation when you don't know where it comes from and you don't know the value that it has. And that's different from history.

“We’ve got here on the table, the Christian history of the Constitution of the United States. Parents want their kids to value freedom of speech and all of the things that are enshrined in our Constitution. But what you’re saying is if they don’t understand the moral basis for them, they’re not going to value them.”—Kevin Freeman



We understand that the Constitution is not a value-neutral document. Baked into that is an inherent understanding of what these rights mean.

- » Look at the First Amendment and the right of free assembly, the right of free speech, the freedom of the press, and others.
- » Also, the Second Amendment, the right to self-defense, to carry arms in defense of one’s property and one’s family.

Those things are so important, but what they speak to are the values that lie behind them.



ATTENTION: Today we are seeing the results when you get rid of the fundamentals of society. These fundamentals are inherently religious and moral, and that is what supports our constitution. When you get rid of those, it all caves in.

John Adams said, “the Constitution was written for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the governance of any other.”

“You hear the word fundamental; you don’t think freedom of speech, you don’t think liberty. What you think is what the media has told us, is ‘the fundamentalists are trying to tell you how to think, tell you what to say, tell you how to act’. But that’s not biblical.”—Kevin Freeman

The media is in and of itself a fundamentalist group.

Fundamental Defined: A central or primary rule or principle on which something is based.

- » They're driven by fundamental beliefs.
- » If you look at all these masking policies and the lockdown.
- » We are seeing an international cabal right now that is operating with certain fundamentals at play.



"Look at the mask mandates all that they're all driven by fear. Some of it rational, some of it irrational, but the response is control, and what you're suggesting is that God wants us to have liberty, He wants us to enjoy freedom." –Kevin Freeman

KEY THOUGHT: Freedom is God's idea. That's the point of all of this. It is not man's idea, but God's idea. So, freedom is first and foremost spiritual. We read in Corinthians, for example, where Paul writes to the church and says, where – "God is spirit and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

"Freedom is first and foremost found in Jesus Christ. If you are a slave...by the way, there are more slaves today in the world than ever before. More people are being persecuted than ever before. If you are a slave and under political slavery, economic slavery, you can still have spiritual freedom in Christ. The roots of that political freedom are first and foremost, spiritual." –Ryan Helfenbein

Freedom and Christianity

"Historically, wherever Christianity has gone, it has set captives free. I would just contend that going back, even back as late as 1776 when we were starting this country, many of the founders and 9 of 13 colonies had abolished slavery. And moving forward it was a movement, of free people. We fought a war over it – a civil war in the 1860s. And then we also had a religious Civil Rights movement where churches were mobilized. Christians were mobilized to peacefully protest and take to the streets. And that's how you had a Civil Rights movement that led to huge sweeping social changes.



So yes, when you look at what was happening in China and you were seeing what was happening in the Soviet Union, secularism was slaughtering hundreds of millions of people in the name of communism. Atheism was doing this. So, you juxtapose what was happening in the rest of the world with what was happening in the United States, and religion – Christian religion in particular -- has largely given us freedom.”

–Ryan Helfenbein

2. The American Revolution was led by Young People. How we inspire a new generation that loves freedom.

The American Revolution was led by young people, **Alexander Hamilton was 21, James Monroe was 18,** for example. **Thomas Jefferson was only 33** and **James Madison, was just 25.**

Historically, young people have an innate sense of freedom, or at least they should.

- » Unfortunately, today we have seen some Mask Nazis, sometimes they're very young. And there was the Hitler Youth that did not understand Liberty and God-given rights
- » Our school systems and many professors and universities are teaching revisionist history. They have not taught historical and moral truth which has led to what we are seeing today.

It is time to inspire a new generation to love freedom. Liberty University and the Standing For Freedom Center are working to reinforce what freedom means.

Ryan summarizes Liberty University's approach to education:

One of the things that students and their parents are in pursuit of at Liberty is a good education, free of radical indoctrination.

- “Free of” means that there is educational freedom and there is an educational philosophy that is still classic in the sense of going back to the old way of doing things.
- This is not motivated by radical subjectivism that you see so often in college campuses where there are speech codes, and if you violate the speech codes you are silenced.

3. Liberal arts schools are no longer liberal. Contrasting Liberty University to other Liberal Arts Schools.

Liberals seem to have lost their liberalism???

- » Remember UC Berkeley, which was, the home of free speech, they claimed. And now they're clamping down.
- » Now you can't have an idea different from what the world says, or you get in trouble. It seems Liberals are rather illiberal when they're in charge.



Ryan contrasts this to Liberty University – Liberty University is unapologetically Christian; it has been since 1971 and largely politically incorrect.

“When you think about where the cultural winds are, we have a compass, not a weather vane.”

- » Our compass points to true north, which is Jesus Christ, not with the winds of culture, which are constantly shifting and changing.
- » Eighteen months ago, the orthodoxy, dictated to us about mask mandates and critical race theory (which people said doesn't exist in schools today).
- » Their orthodoxy has shifted but Liberty never changed over that time.

People want courage. They're looking for courage. People are looking for conviction. And it's not about just providing an education. It's about standing on principles. –

Ryan Helfenbein:

When you think about the average Liberty student who's coming, they want a religious-based education. They want an education where they can be a practitioner in the field where it's going to make sense, fully accredited. I'm going to get this degree from a not-for-profit institution whose loan default rate is half the national average, by the way.



With massive student loans and debt. Liberty students are in search of Christian education, but they're also in search of one that makes sense for their plan in life and what – the conversation that they're going to have with their parents, "Son, what are you going to do", right? "What do you do with your life?" So, I think that's what differentiates us from our competition."



"I've been on campus. I've been to the ski slope. I've been in the classrooms. I've seen the food options. I've seen the dorms. I've had the full tour. The library is phenomenal. I mean, you offer everything that any other first-rate college provides. It's provided at Liberty, but you go beyond that. You use technology in new ways because you've got this challenge. The world is telling – mind-numbing devices and social media are telling you, 'Think this way. And if you think any other way you get punished.' You're telling people, teaching people to think for themselves following God-given liberty and using technology." Kevin Freeman

"Liberty has a Christian integrated system of education. We're not teaching a kind of Darwinian evolutionary-based science for understanding the human body, for understanding the human mind, for understanding how to do business, kind of a 'dog-eat-dog' approach. But rather what is fundamental to this education, what is convictional, is understanding that we are giving this education from a Christian worldview." –Ryan Helfenbein



Liberty University offers a world-class education. They have over 15,000 residential students, and over 100,000 students online.

4. Liberty University is one of a small group of liberal arts schools that has stayed true to its mission.

Liberty University students stand out whether you see them at Turning Point USA, you see them at CPAC, or some even at a young Democrats gathering. There's an impact that Liberty students are having.

Helpfenbein shares the diversity of thought that is welcome.

- » We've got all kinds of students who come on campus, and so there is no political test for any student coming to Liberty University. They're all welcome, but they have to understand there is a governing philosophy there and a mission. We're unapologetic.
- » We are not an institution that is created to be a shell for any political organization. That is not our purpose.
- » In many ways, those political organizations fall short of the glory of God regularly and will embarrass us.
- » We have students on campus who do have a diversity of thought, and that is welcome. But they understand that the ideology and the mission and the purpose are fundamentally, unapologetically Christian.



5. The Standing for Freedom Center is helping to pass liberty to the next generation.

The question is: Will we lead with boldness or cowardness? The next generation is watching.

Standing for Liberty with conviction is important. It only takes a loud minority to make an impact.

We've been facing a lot of challenges globally and in the US:

- » Vaccine and Mask Mandates
- » Shutdowns
- » Lockdowns
- » The Trucker Convoys
- » Liberty is under assault in innumerable ways



There is also a lot of geopolitical activity today internationally.

- » Banking accounts are being frozen in Canada. The WEF touting that they influence Trudeau and his cabinet.
- » We're seeing the rise of China.
- » And the rise of a more militant Russia attacking Ukraine.

The Standing for Freedom Center at Liberty University covers many of these headlines from a Christian worldview.

ATTENTION: WE NEED TO PRESERVE FREEDOM AND STAND FOR LIBERTY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO STAND FOR TRUTH.

And in every which way, there's a correlation or even a connection where you say, "right now more than ever, we have capital that we have to spend to preserve freedom."

- » The truckers were doing it in Canada.
- » Some pastors are standing up in Canada.
- » Here in the United States, we have to do the same thing.



The next generation is looking to our actions. And are they going to see boldness or cowardice? Are we going to be able to say,

- » "I am so glad that at this moment I did this!" ??? Or are we going to then say, "I regret that I did not do anything!" ???

The younger generation needs to see boldness. They need to see courage, but they also need to know that we stand on conviction, not just go out there and do something, but also to stand there.

"You hear the saying, 'Don't just stand there, go do something.' Well, the opposite is also true. Don't just go out there and do something but stand on something." –Ryan Helfenbein

6. What are you standing for? How to stand for Truth and have fun doing it!

Remember one thing, the Bible, that is most important for society.

A. Speaking truth winsomely can be persuasive.

“Look at Babylon Bee. I just love to it open up and read it because it uses humor to point out ridiculous things that are going on.” –Kevin Freeman

Babylon Bee’s satire and humor can help get messages across:

“Seth Dillon, I love what he does at the Babylon Bee. It’s brilliant because satirically, using sarcasm as a way, to tell the truth, if you’re not entertaining, you’re not educating.

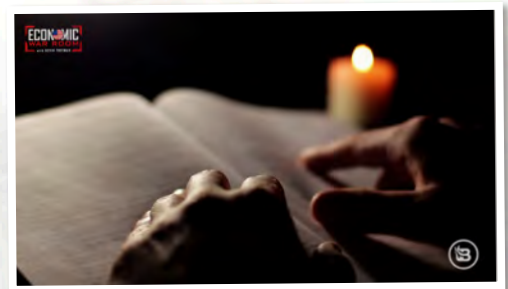
They’ll often joke about tomorrow’s headlines today. The most outrageous things. And this is something that Seth presents all the time where he’ll say something outrageous and then, you know, five or six weeks later, that becomes a national headline.” –Ryan Helfenbein

B. Ryan Helfenbein stresses the most important thing of all - passing the Bible to the next generation.

“People add the adjective “biblical” to things a lot in the Christian evangelical world, but biblical is not enough. It’s got to be Bible.” –Ryan Helfenbein

The Bible is the most biblical book.

- » A lot of times people are reading tertiary sources that talk about what the Bible says or means or teaches, but no one’s reading it.
- » As you read through Genesis, one of the things that you see about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the way to Joseph and then to the children of Israel, all the way to Moses, they were passing along the promises of God. These promises are real. They are true.
- » Though they did not see them all ultimately fulfilled, they greeted them from afar, as it says in Hebrews Chapter 11. They knew they saw it, not by sight, but by faith.



- » They persevered through many challenges, through many struggles, knowing that bearing the reproach of Christ was greater than all the riches of Egypt.

“What I would say to anyone at this moment, it does not take 51% to change our culture, our society, or our country at large.” –Ryan Helfenbein

Look at the radical left, they have nothing near 51% and yet they have been changing the culture.

- » The communist revolution of 1919, was 3,000 members of the Communist Party and they led a cultural, political, economic revolution the likes of which we have never seen.
- » **The same thing is true with Hitler in Germany.**



“It’s also the same thing with the Patriots in the United States. The forming of the United States came from a small percentage of the population, that included many pastors.”–Kevin Freeman

Are You Standing for Liberty?

“The US Revolution was started by a small contingent of faithful men, and faithful women and they believed in freedom more than anything. They were holding the British government to account because they were not living up to their laws. So, they drew upon the Word of God.



They also drew upon a legal understanding of the Bill of Rights, going back to the glorious revolution of 1688, their understanding of Lex Rex, their understanding of the Doctrine of Lesser Magistrates. And so, these people were drawing on a rich fundamental tradition – theological, biblical, political. And revival was the ultimate environmental sort of pretext for revolution. And that’s how it happened.” – Ryan Helfenbein

That revival is going back to the truth of God and His Word.

7. Recognizing the Truth of God's Word vs the Woke Pushback.

Remember when we learned real science about chromosomes.

It is about recognizing the truth of God's word.

A perfect example is a challenge that we face with science.

"You know, your generation, my generation, those that have matured and seen things happen on this Earth, we understand that there are X and Y chromosomes and X and X chromosomes.

There are men and women, and the Bible says God made them male and female. But there is pushback, **my contention is the whole woke pushback is to deny anything that was said in the Bible.**

That is the reason that we have all these various pronouns and all. We have all these gender issues is because God said, 'male and female.' If he'd said something different, the woke pushback would be completely different." –Kevin Freeman

Why You Should Care:

- › Our Liberty is being threatened.
- › A portion of the next generation thinks freedom is the next F-word.
- › Many of today's younger generation is watching you. Are you standing with courage? People are looking for conviction.
- › Liberty and Freedom are biblical, are you helping the next generation to understand that?
- › The Christian religion has largely given us freedom, but that message is being lost.
- › We are losing our moral compass. The Constitution was written for "a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the governance of any other."



Action Steps:

1. Go to www.standingforfreedom.com. Their mission is to defend life, liberty, and truth, to ensure the foundations of freedom exist for the next generation
2. Remember the importance of the Bible for liberty and a free society.
3. Remember, we built the Economic War Room for you. Understanding the geopolitical landscape and threats against your money, your livelihood, and your way of life will allow you to be better prepared for multiple scenarios. Be sure to sign up for our weekly updates at www.Economicwarroom.com.
4. If you have a financial advisor, make sure they have your values and interest at heart. Make sure they understand what ESG investments mean for our future. Suggest that they become part of the NSIC institute and nominate them to participate in our online certification.

ATTENTION: Remember if you have not contacted your financial advisor, it is time to make it happen now.

5. **Weaponize your money toward principles that support Liberty, Security, and Values (LSV).** You control your giving, spending, and investing. Nominate your financial advisor to attend our Founders' class coming soon.
 - **Investing.** We suggest you get a like-minded financial advisor. We've done surveys and a clear majority of investors want an advisor who matches with their political and cultural beliefs. Unfortunately, Wall Street is pushing for you to just take what they offer in order to force a leftist agenda on you.
 - o "If your advisor isn't willing to match your investments with your values, send them to us for training and education. If they won't do that, I can promise you that there are lots of other advisors looking for new clients." -Kevin Freeman
6. **It is time to fight the economic war we are facing. Nominate your financial advisor at EconomicWarRoom.com/advisor and let them know you think this would be a great opportunity for them. Classes are launching in Spring 2022, and our list is growing fast.**
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Shareable Quote:

“Don’t just go out there and do something. Stand on something.”

–Ryan Helfenbein, Executive Director
Standing for Freedom Center



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