

A reader, and observer has penned a response to the 120+ lifelong members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who recently published their names to their unsolicited opinion of why they feel Joe Biden, or a third-party candidate will be a better person to be President of the United States (See Opinions, *Arizona Republic*, Friday Aug 14, 2020). They cannot “justify voting for Donald Trump because, in our opinions, the harm he does to our civic culture outweighs any policy benefits we might temporarily gain”. They have published their collective opinion in order to enroll other like minded, (but uninformed souls) “to reject another Trump term in favor of rebuilding our party around enduring principles of truth, respect, honor, competency, freedom and concern for our fellowman.”

To

The Mission statement from the **Arizona Republicans Who Believe**

*We love our country and are deeply concerned with the direction it is taking. We understand the importance of determining **which party** will be in power.*

*But, we are most concerned about **which person** will be in power.*

*What is the moral character of that person?*

*Is he truthful? How does he treat people?*

*Does he acknowledge differences and treat others with respect?*

*Is there an effort to be inclusive?*

*Do we want our children and grandchildren to be like that person?*

*Answering these questions, despite being lifelong Republicans - with no love for certain portions of the Democratic party platform - we will be voting for Joe Biden in November.*

Arizonans Who Believe:

“Identity Politics” is plain and simple rationalism. If one feels that kindness is more important than ‘policy and platform’ they have no care for their future nor the future of their posterity. To make a decision to choose the more *polite* of two differing candidates is as ridiculous as making a political choice based on gender or race and no more intelligent than believing the better person should be chosen because of looks or eye color. Outside of Christ there isn’t any political leader that will *always* have a perfect moral character, and *always* be kind and respectful. This is human nature and cannot be changed because the “natural man is an enemy of God and always will be, unless...” The ‘rule of law’ right or wrong and the guarantee of the inalienable rights of the individual, and in particular, religious freedom is tantamount for any future hope.

Why would I think that a vote for Biden the kind old man is a rationalism to hide one’s real philosophies they want to keep hidden? I feel this way because a vote for Biden is not a vote for Biden or against Trump, it is a vote for the Democratic and Socialist platform.

A vote for Biden is really a vote for Kamala Harris for president and the people behind her that support the socialist movement for power and position.

A vote for Biden is a vote for the philosophies of the liberal left agenda of the “Party”.

A vote for the kind man Biden is a vote for abortion and the killing of babies even to and after birth.

A vote for the nice man Biden is a vote to do away with private schools forcing all children into the state-run schools where the liberal agenda might be taught in a controlled environment from kindergarten to college.

A vote for grandpa Biden is a vote to do away with the 'rule of law' catering to the special interest groups.

A vote for friendly Joe is a vote for socialism and communism under the guise of 'democratic socialism'.

For those who read and understand history realize that socialism is always, that is always, the 'father' of or 'child' of communism. Socialism cannot co-exist with religion no matter how one wants to spin it.

The leader of leaders will be so kind and inclusive that they will support those who break the laws that protect the lives of the born and unborn innocent. To be "*inclusive*" the real Christian should support the candidate that has that states, 'whatsoever a man does is no crime' (Alma 30:17)

The modern political platform of the liberal electorate is outlined in Alma Chapter Thirty and to some people, *this Korihorian philosophy*, would be deemed acceptable if propagated in an exemplary tone of kindness. This platform and liberal policies, if in power, will enact laws that will be so *inclusive* that all manner of actions and acts, lawful and unlawful, moral or immoral will be acceptable as the 'rule of law' is ignored. Today we see the riots of the inexperienced and ignorant as looting takes place that is justified for the demand of change. This is justified until it reaches your neighborhoods, your home, and your business. Riots destroy the God given rights of 'life, liberty, private property and one's chosen pursuit of happiness which is identified by and individual's business or employment. These current events prove the need to eliminate the prisons and police as invoked, espoused, and applauded by the Biden political party and platform. This is truly the example I want my children to have. No matter if one agrees or disagrees with the liberal platform, a vote for Biden is a vote for their philosophy.

The progressive mantra is: it's time for a change because people change as do the circumstances. To the fool and to the historically blind, the moral manner of mankind is always improving. They say, "All people will become better, naturally evolving for the better." The party of Biden believes that this necessary progressive change will evolve faster and better without religious freedom, without police and without the rule of law.

Scripture and history have verified that the powers and policies of hell are deemed legitimate and socially acceptable if only introduced with a smile and flattering words. Only the ignorant and emotionally unstable would believe that the vote for the kind, inclusive leader is more virtuous and acceptable ignoring the political philosophy and platform that he represents.

The Mission Statement of "Arizona Republicans Who Believe" would imply that the blasphemous troublemaker should be put down at all costs, even at the cost of freedom. Believers for the Biden Party might ask: Who in their right mind would want to follow someone that would be so mean that they would consciously and in a pre-meditated action, take the time to make a whip in order to drain the swamp water from the sacred precincts of leadership and law? Only a real bully would do such an unacceptable act. Who could ever support or trust someone that would be so bold and vocal as to label the established leaders as "hypocrites" or describe them as 'whited sepulchers on the outside, but full of dead men's bones'? (Matt 23:27) Only the fool would follow a leader that would say 'If you don't do it my way and follow me and my commands, you will be cast out'? This type of person could never be considered "*inclusive*" and kind. A person like this should be deemed 'sinfully selective' because they believe in the ungodly, exclusive, and the immoral 'rule of law' and consequence. Why is the crook of Mercy and the flail of Justice held in the hand of a good leader?

The scalawags of life are seemingly the nicest people. The best con-men are successful only if they come across as kind, caring, and trustworthy. The “con” must appear to have the better moral character, convincing the unwary of his care for others and his concern for everyone. In all their kindness the reality of the “con” is only for personal gain, and always at the expense of others. The accepted visual of the “con” is Joe Biden, but the “con” is the seduction of the masses to relinquish their freedom and their life to the controlling ‘big brother’ that will take care of them so that ‘not one soul will be lost’.

Mr. Trump has nothing to gain. He does not use the ‘flattering words’ of kindness to deceive his listeners. He’s from New York, for heavens sake. Everyone knows who he is and where he stands, and many dislikes him for these abrasive character traits. The honest individual is often brash, offensive and openly reveals their intentions, and their convictions. They are honest because you know where they stand and what they think despite their rejection, despite their character flaws, and despite the polls. Flattering words of kindness are often the red flags of deception.

The Book of Mormon warns the reader over and over to beware of the “flattering words” used by political deceivers like Amalickiah when he lost the election (Alma 46:5, 7, 10). Amalickiah used these “flattering words” to convince members of the church to accept him in his quest to obtain power and then sought to manipulate the masses through dissensions, riots and promises of power and entitlements.

The story surrounding Amalickiah found in Alma, chapters 46-60 describe the biggest bully in *The Book of Mormon*. This is an account of political intrigue and the fight for religious rights. This story of Captain Moroni describes a time, not unlike our day, when freedom hung in the balance. This was a time when leaders were unafraid to take a firm stand in the defense of freedom, and faith, which in reality protects the spiritual welfare of our families. It was not a time for political correctness, but a time to stand fast in the protection of freedom for the individual.

The biggest bully in *The Book of Mormon* was one of the most successful leaders. Captain Moroni had a personality that was brash and condescending in the protection of faith, family and freedom. True leadership is not built on the foundation of kindness and inclusion, but in the dedicated firmness of the rule of the law. P.C. is commonly used to describe ‘Political Correctness’ in the Shangri La world of kindness. In the real world of real leaders, the acronym should stand for ‘Principled Convictions’. Even the unconditional God of love has declared that he ‘cannot look upon sin in the least degree of allowance.’ (D&C 1:31, Alma 45:16)

The bully Captain Moroni, who was ‘the commander and chief’ of the armies” was so brash and uncompromising that in a rage organized a rally, tore his clothing and raised a motto for people to rally around (See Alma 46:11-13). He then had this motto of freedom sent throughout the Nephite nation to display in every city, station and every twitter tower. The opposing political party sought to take away the freedom of the people by rejecting the message of Moroni, organizing riots. Moroni then displayed his true colors. ‘Join the cause of freedom or die’ was the option Captain Moroni gave. no compromise, no questions, just an opportunity “to maintain a free government” (Alma 46:35). This bully of a leader even turned on the political system and warned them that he was going to come to the capital to drain the swamp if they didn’t protect and support the preservation of freedom. Under the freedoms protected, ‘the people prospered’. Moroni’s open letter to the lawmakers and fiscal controllers is choking and full of angst, and ought to be read by all (Alma 60). Captain Moroni was not the nice man of tolerance and inclusion, or the soft-spoken man of kind words. Moroni stood firm in his beliefs, and in his fight for freedom, unafraid to stand against the status quo, leading from the frontline, rather than behind. He was a leader of leaders, a man to emulate, an example of conviction, unless of course you might be a ‘believer for Amalickiah’. The political party of the Gadiantons when they came to power packed the courts with their puppet judges to control the masses and justify their philosophies and cover their crimes. The record states that when the liberal leaders obtained political power, begin to seek to control the Nephites (those

who knew the gospel), by philosophical conversion as they ‘began among the wicked then seduced the righteous by getting them to partake of their spoils (socialistic entitlements) and believe in their words’ (Hel. 5)

A third of the hosts of heaven were cast out because they voted for the first kind and inclusive socialist leader. The loving Lucifer guaranteed salvation and inclusion for everyone, stating that ‘not one soul would be lost’ if they would but listen and chose his plan and platform. Is not this true love, and concern? There is no worthwhile reward without risk, and when there is no risk, there is no personal reward. This first socialist leader could only accomplish the “*inclusion*” of salvation for all, *IF* the agency of every person was taken away, a supposed reward without the risk. A forced security is never freedom. Freedom must mean that risk and failure is just as possible as the reward. Otherwise we could not be judged according to our words, our works, and our thoughts (Alma 12:14). There are two forms of power, Military and Missionary. The temporary power of the gun in the back lasts only until the guard is removed. The only lasting power is that of conversion. Love of others described as welfare or Charity is a character trait, not a tax rate.

It is impossible for agency to exist in a moral vacuum. The platform of the Biden Party and liberal agenda is to make all of America a moral vacuum. The unspoken goal for government control and manipulation is to make every community across the continent a suburb of Detroit and Chicago. To worry about who might be the most kind and inclusive president for your children to use as a moral bastion and example is ridiculous and immature when their very future is at stake. To choose the leader that promises socialism, defund police, raise taxes because he seems nice, is like throwing your children off the deck of Noah’s ark without a life jacket into the floods of water and wickedness. The children won’t need an example because they will be told how to act, what to think and what morals are acceptable. They will be taught in public schools that sins are civil rights, not religious choices, as they subtly lose their freedom of religion. Dependency on man or government is always slavery.

The vote for the ‘nice guy’ is your choice, but you become the example for your posterity. The vote for every leader and candidate is a vote for the temporal and spiritual future of your children, and grandchildren. Many votes are cast selfishly rather than righteously, without a vision for the future posterity. Every voter must ask themselves, “How much do I really love my children and grandchildren?” It’s your example that your children will see and remember long after you are gone, not the President--only the policies. However, they will remember:

- Your vote for inclusion was a vote for socialism which is always the father or child of communism.
- Your vote for the Biden Party was a vote for open borders.
- Your vote for concern and love was a vote for higher taxes that will —not if— reach the point of 80% + to fund social kindnesses.
- Your vote for the party of love was a vote for less security, defunding police and supporting anarchy for policy change. Where riots are the norm rather than rallies.
- Your vote for the inclusion of all will lead to a loss of the basic tenants of the Constitution: The right of life, the right of free speech, the right of private property, the right of the pursuit of happiness, the right to bare arms, the right of the freedom of religion. Even today the propaganda media machine controls thought.
- Your vote for the Biden Party was a vote to relinquish of your moral values to the state and government that empower a state religion that will teach in the classroom, from kindergarten through college, the ‘love and tolerance of their interpretation of religious morals and values, thus, turning religious sins into civil rights.

- Your vote for the Biden Party will be the example that will tell your posterity how much you didn't care for their future.

Your vote for the Biden Party isn't a vote for the nice guy! Your vote for Biden is a vote for the party, the platform, and a vote for the future of your children.

The spiritual example for your children should not be the presidential candidate nor should the Prophet and President of the Church be chosen as that example. For "there are none righteous no not one" (Rom 3:10). It is to Christ and our Father in Heaven one should look to as a goal of perfection. The command is to be 'perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect' (3 Ne 12:48; Matt 5:48). 'Come follow Me' is the manual and the call. Christ is THE way, THE truth, and THE life (John 14:6). Perhaps the inspired parents should teach their children to politically protect their freedom at all costs, choosing leaders that will ensure their faith, and families while looking to Christ as the example for their life, rather than voting for bondage. Christ said, 'Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God that which is God's' (Matt 22:21), explaining that everyone has a responsibility for both: their government and their faith. Peter was forcefully reprimanded by Christ to keep his mind not on the earthly kingdoms of men, but the heavenly purposes on earth (Matt. 16:23). The vote should be for the candidate that will protect their faith, their freedom, and their family.

The author is not implying or trying to make any connection between President Trump and any spiritual leader in or out of the scriptures. The scriptural examples given here are only to illustrate that great leaders are not always the nice guys. Scriptural history is full of examples that illustrate that the brash, bold, bully is often the leader that gets things done and protects freedoms. When the wicked Party rules the people will mourn.

The mission statement from "Arizona Republicans Who Believe" quoted at the beginning of this essay is a cover for their liberal beliefs, a farce or just plain foolishness. The mission statement may just be a hopeful justification and rationalization for irrational behavior. Who in their right mind would vote for a candidate because of their kindness, and in the same breath say they do not agree with his policies? It may be, that those who have decided to be part of this philosophy agree with the concepts of socialism, abortion, alternative lifestyles, higher taxes, and the destruction of religious freedom. Perhaps, these "Believers" need a public excuse to vocally support the liberal agenda while hiding behind examples for their children. A person cannot be any smarter than the person or media they choose to believe. Listen to the horse's mouth rather than the chicken's explanations, you might learn something more in this animal farm.