



The Truth

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“For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.” (Psalm 30:4)

“Any candidate who believes that his personal life, especially in the light of sexual misconduct allegations, is off limits is cause for concern. While allegations alone do not disqualify a candidate, how he or she handles adversity is at least illuminating.” –Dave



The Herman Cain campaign would like voters to believe that what

goes on behind closed doors is none of our business; at least that is what Mr. Cain’s lawyer [said](#). I would somewhat agree with this assertion were it left to face value, however this statement was released in response to an alleged affair between Mr. Cain and Ginger White. It has been over 72 hours since Mr. Cain’s lawyer released his statement, and Mr. Cain has not rebutted the release, I would think it is fair to assume Mr. Cain approved this statement.

What Mr. Cain and his campaign staff failed to remember in this statement is he is running for the highest office in the land and by doing so he is applying for a job. He is the potential employee and WE the People are the employers.

Imagine for a moment that you are an employer interviewing a hiring prospect and on his background check it is discovered he was accused of having an adulterous affair. You ask Mr. “X” what this was all about and he looks at you deadpan and says, “No individual, whether a private citizen, a candidate for a particular job, should be questioned about his or her private sexual life.”

I don’t know about you but my reply is, “Thank you for your time Mr. X...this interview is over and you will not be considered for the job.”

Let’s ignore the immorality of adultery, the audacity of a prospective hire to think he or she does not have to answer a serious question, in essence telling the employer it is none of his business, smacks of either ignorance or arrogance, or a little of both. Any combination is wholly unacceptable.

What is most concerning to this undecided Republican voter is the fact that Mr. Cain allowed such an asinine statement to be released. Because Mr. Cain did not come out within a short period time and at least rebut his lawyer’s statement (or better yet fire him), can only mean Mr. Cain approved the statement.

This brings two concerns to mind: Mr. Cain either lacks serious moral judgment or is running an organization completely out of control, which is contrary to what he promotes as his leadership strengths. Regardless the validity of the allegations, this response gives this Florida primary voter serious doubts of pulling the lever for Herman Cain.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



Our Founders would shudder at the idea that a candidate's personal life was off limits to the voter or the press. In their eyes you could not be a Patriot without a high moral character found exclusively in the Christian religion.

"While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest Glory to laud the more distinguished Character of Christian." General George Washington's orders issued to his troops at Valley Forge, May 2, 1778.

No matter what a candidate's lawyer may tell the voting population, and no matter the historical revision of our Founder's Christian beliefs, the fact of the matter is the great patriots of the American Revolution clearly knew that morality and religion had to be the foundation of our republic.

We have shared often this John Adams quote but it once again bears repeating:

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whole goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

As a Christian Patriot it is my duty to vote for my elected representative that person who will best represent me. That is why we have representatives; not to be told how they shall govern. Quite the contrary. He or she must govern how I have told them equally balanced with what is best for our country.

Any candidate who has the temerity to tell a voter that what goes on behind closed doors is none of his or her business is a candidate lacking the high moral character Washington describes.

FROM THE PULPIT

“Character does not end at the bedroom door. Any effort to make this claim will be recognized by the public for what it is. We live in a morally confused age, but there is little confusion about the fact that sexual behavior and personal character are inseparable. The question of character is among the most crucial issues of a political campaign. Americans may come to different conclusions about the significance of sexual misconduct in its different forms (as in the case of President Clinton), but they know better than to accept being told that it is none of their business.” From the November 29, 2011 [blog post](#) “The Cain Mutiny: Character Doesn’t End At the Bedroom Door” by Dr. Al Mohler, President, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

It is refreshing to see one of America's foremost Christian leaders address an issue of morality so clearly and concise. In the postmodern world of political correctness and moral relativism, Dr. Mohler "peels back the onion" on morality.

Dr. Mohler's assertion that voters know better than to be told that sexual misconduct is none of our business is apparent to all save Mr. Cain, his lawyer and campaign staff.

Is it possible that our society as so devolved that the "smart" people who make up the legal and political profession actually believe the tripe found in Mr. Cain's lawyer's words?

I think not. It was clearly an act of desperation, which almost always ends up with the worse possible decision being made.

America is desperate, but not so desperate as to be swayed by one lawyer's nonsensical declaration. As Dr. Mohler states in his blog post, Americans may very well be confused about whether sexual misconduct is a big deal or not, we are not about to be told by a candidate or his or her advisors what is or is not our business.

It is the candidate seeking our vote. In fact, if this statement from Mr. Cain's lawyer is true, then let's make this a topic of the debates. Let's see how many candidates will support such an assertion and still ask for values voters to support them.

I actually would like to see who does or does not agree with Mr. Cain's assertion.

It would definitely make it easier for this undecided voter to decide for who *not* to vote.

TO THE STREETS

How should WE the People determine who we should support based on our Christian values? Here are just a few suggestions:

1. Find out what a candidate's convictions are instead of his or her positions. Why? Because a person's convictions determines his or her positions and how strongly they will fight for them.
2. As a Christian, I want to know what a person's worldview is. Does the prospective candidate fashion his or her worldview based on biblical principles, or is through materialism and pragmatism? It is this foundation that will serve your candidate in the stressful and taxing decisions they have to make.
3. First and foremost, find out how a candidate stands on abortion. If he or she is willing to allow a mother to kill her unborn child, then rest assured your potential representative will cave on any number of issues. Why? Because if they can be swayed on the unalienable right to life, then they can be swayed on any other issue.
4. Find out what your candidate would do with activist judges. Merely promising to appoint strict constructionalists does not address the out of control judges across America. I want to know what my candidate will do about those already on the bench.
5. Take a close look at your candidate's staff. Who he or she hires is a great indication of the type of people they will surround themselves with once it is time to govern. This is always a very telling aspect. If your candidate surrounds him or herself with people who do not have the same values and beliefs as they do, then you can expect that staff to function less smoothly than if there were like-minded people. Understand I am not advocating only "yes" people; I am talking about people who may disagree on how to implement policy but will never compromise on the core principles and values.

Remember dear patriot, the prospective candidate is your potential representative, or employee. It is up to them to convince you why you should vote for them, not you having to defend your beliefs nor compromise on them.

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