

February 2021 Newsletter

Abortion Activists Attack Church Service in Columbus

## Religious Liberty is Under Attack Here in Ohio As Attacks on Churches and Worship Services are on the Increase.



On Friday, January 22nd in Columbus, St. Joseph's Catholic Cathedral, a church that holds a memorial service for the unborn annually was the target of an attack by abortionist extremists who charged into the service with signs, bullhorns, shoutings, and profanities, and charged the altar where the priest was delivering the message. This is a serious violation of First Amendment religious liberty rights in the State of Ohio. Federal laws were broken with this riotous attack on the Catholic church in Columbus. The Ohio Christian Alliance and legal authorities are looking into the details of what happened on January 22nd at St. Joseph's Cathedral in downtown Columbus. Police interviewed the perpetrators, but no arrests were made, or citations given. That is about to change, as legal authorities are looking into the matter and want to press

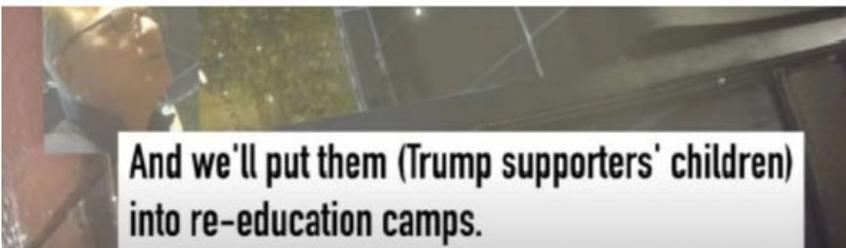
charges against these violators of religious rights in Ohio. We will bring you updates as they become available. **There is more to come on this one, stay tuned...**

Now that the Election is over, and Democrat socialists have taken control of the federal government with both the U.S. House and Senate, the Biden Administration is pushing forward with an extreme leftist agenda. Mr. Biden has signed 32 Executive Orders in his first week in office, more than any other President in U.S. History. With the stroke of a pen, he stopped the border wall construction, he killed the XL Pipeline, authorized the military to accept transgenders, pushed the LGBTQ issue in public schools and women's athletics, and rolled back Trump-era pro-life policy. **It's time to pray and act to fight back against this overreach of the federal government.** We can fight this fight effectively back in the states. We will work with members of the Ohio General Assembly to pass legislation to counter these actions. We will also encourage Attorney General Dave Yost when it is appropriate to push back against Washington's overreach into the states.

## Alarming messages coming from prominent liberal officials concerning targeting religious extremists and libertarians....



Former CIA Director John Brennan, stated on MSNBC on Inauguration Day, “Biden intel community are moving in laser-like fashion to try to uncover as much as they can about the pro-Trump insurgency that harbors religious extremists, authoritarians, fascists, bigots, racists, nativists, even libertarians.” In the captions is Michael Beller, Principal Counsel of the Public Broadcasting System. In an undercover sting operation, James O’Keefe of Project Veritas recorded Mr. Beller saying the following, “Even if Biden wins, we will go for all the Republican voters and Homeland Security will take their children away. And we’ll put them (Trump supporters’ children) into re-education camps.” If that wasn’t bad enough, former NBC news anchor Katie Couric cheered on Trump’s impeachment and said GOP lawmakers need to be “deprogrammed.”



**Thankfully there are other people noticing how dangerous this truly is. Tulsi Gabbard, the former Democratic representative from Hawaii, recently expressed concern that a proposed measure to combat domestic terrorism could be used to undermine civil liberties.**

Her comments came during an appearance on *Fox News Primetime* when host Brian Kilmeade asked her if she was “surprised they’re pushing forward with this extra surveillance on would-be domestic terror.” “It’s so dangerous as you guys have been talking about, this is an issue that all Democrats, Republicans, independents, Libertarians should be extremely concerned about, especially because we don’t have to guess about where this goes or how this ends,” Gabbard said.

She continued: “When you have people like former CIA Director John Brennan openly talking about how he’s spoken with or heard from appointees and nominees in the Biden administration who are already starting to look across our country for these types of movements similar to the insurgencies they’ve seen overseas, that in his words, he says make up this unholy alliance of religious extremists, racists, bigots, he lists a few others and at the end, even libertarians.”

She said her concern lies in how officials will define the characteristics they are searching for in potential threats. “What characteristics are we looking for as we are building this profile of a potential extremist, what are we talking about? Religious extremists, are we talking about Christians, evangelical Christians, what is a religious extremist? Is it somebody who is pro-life? Where do you take this?” Gabbard said.

She said the proposed legislation could create “a very dangerous undermining of our civil liberties, our freedoms in our Constitution, and a targeting of almost half of the country.

**We are living in unprecedented times, and people are frightened and concerned about what is happening in our country.** Keeping in communication with the Christian community in our state is vital. We have received personal calls from prominent Christian leaders expressing that the Ohio Christian Alliance is needed now, more than ever.

The time has come for us to rebuild the Ohio Christian Alliance website and the Christian Alliance of America website. It is our belief that stand-alone websites will have a resurgence as people of faith and conservatives will be seeking out organizations that are actively defending liberty and fighting against the aggressive leftist agenda coming out of Washington, D.C. with the Biden Administration.

## Moving to New Platforms and Dumping the Censors



There is a spirit of fear among conservatives right now who are being persecuted for their views. We have addressed the issue of censorship in our emails, newsletter, and social media platforms, and on our weekly radio program News in Focus. The social media platforms of Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Google are the main culprits of censorship. OCA and CAA have been shadow banned and censored on both of our Facebook membership pages for the last several years, and its only getting worse. We are limited on Twitter and by Google, as well, as they seek to make conservative groups like ours invisible.

We are fighting back by joining new social platforms that do not censor, specifically MeWe, gab, Parler, and Rumble, and we have begun to

use the search engine DuckDuckGo that does not collect data. We are encouraging our network through email and social media to do the same. The move will be difficult and take time to be effective, but the upside is that we are receiving help from young people who want to help us get our message out to a bigger audience.

With censorship being the byword of the hour, and people and organizations being de-platformed on social media, communicating with our base is the major project to which we need to dedicate ourselves. We will be fighting battles on the state level and encouraging state officials to push back against the federal overreach coming out of Washington, D.C.

OCA will continue its work at the Ohio Statehouse on important election reform legislation, safeguarding Ohio's vote for future elections. We depend on your faithful financial support to carry on the mission as we represent the churches' interest before the seats of government. Thank you for your ongoing faithful support.

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