

The Goliath Agenda: The Attack on Individual Effort

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OPENING CHALLENGE TO TEENAGERS
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The Problem:

What if, instead of calling it “politics” we called it “your life” instead? Now are you interested? As nice as it would be for us not to be affected by what happens in the White House and in our local governments, the reality is that it touches your life. The political, economic and international threats that face this nation are unprecedented. When more of our young people are voting for their next American Idol rather than their next American legislator, we have a serious problem. Our generation, one way or another, will make decisions that will directly affect the future of the United States.

Where can we look for answers? Unfortunately, the education system in America has been failing for decades. Today, America is characterized in many classrooms as a nation unworthy of defending. The United States is commonly portrayed as “the world’s bully”. One reason liberalism has seen success is its calculated takeover of nearly every channel of social and cultural influence. High schools, universities, television, newspapers, movies, and pop culture have all fallen victim to an overwhelming presence of liberalism. Instead of judging an individual on merit, we are taught to perceive the world through the lenses of race, gender, and class.

The majority of this country is desperately yearning for leaders to emerge that are able to passionately communicate their ideas in an intelligent, comprehensive and engrossing manner. We cannot sit on the sidelines and think someone else will do what needs to be done. If not us, then who? If not now, when? We need you to step up and be the kind of person who is able to see the problem and offer the solution. If you want something but are not willing to sacrifice for it, you don’t deserve it. Take the road less traveled and be a leader in

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whatever circles God has placed you. You can make a difference, and will make a difference as long as you always give your best effort.

Unless we take a stand and demand that steps are taken to secure our future, we could be the last generation to fully live the completely unique American experience. The Declaration of Independence promises the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The Goliath Agenda has placed an obstacle in our path that impedes future protection of these unalienable rights. It is our duty as defenders of freedom and the constitutional republic to advocate responsible government that upholds these values. This problem is real. The battle lines have been drawn, but what can you do as an individual?

The Solution:

Young Americans voted overwhelming for Barack Obama, despite being the most negatively affected by his policies. In order to help our friends understand conservatism, we must take it upon ourselves to educate them. For that to be possible, we must first educate ourselves. Our only hope for America is that every young conservative takes it upon himself to understand what American and conservative values are, learn how it differs from liberalism, and then learn how to articulate that case to those who will listen. We must take an active interest in engaging with our friends in class, at parties, on Facebook, Twitter, and any other available medium. We must become involved with the arts and we must be a voice in our pop culture, our schools, our churches, and our legislatures.

When the Founding Fathers banded together to create the Constitution they made clear what was necessary for liberty to prosper. The government must remain small and its citizens must be accountable to something greater than the brute force of centralized power.

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Our ancestors were able to declare independence from King George, free slaves, and storm the beaches of Normandy, France. If they were able to accomplish such magnificent feats, surely, we can redirect America back to the path of prosperity and off the road to serfdom.

Be careful however, as C.S. Lewis warned: "There have been some who were so occupied in spreading Christianity that they never gave a thought to Christ." The same can be said of the political world. Don't be so concerned with politics that you don't actually partake in the steps that can save us. Don't let our problems in Washington, D.C. and in our culture consume your life or fill you with hatred. Instead, use this time as an opportunity to grow. Use this as a motivation to better yourself. Take the lessons you find in *The Goliath Agenda* and live them out in your own life.

Finally, I would like to remind you that none of this is possible without God. We must pray for our president, pray for the unborn, pray for the troops, pray for the future, pray for strength, pray for Israel, and pray for courage to be an example to your friends and family. Our faith lies not with the elephant, nor the donkey, but with the Lamb. That is all that matters.



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