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LEFT'S MORAL NARCISSISM MUST END

By Bill Connor

A newly published Pew Research poll has exposed what so many Americans have instinctively known. A survey of 25 nations asked people to rate the morality and ethics of their fellow citizens. Results from the report: "Americans are more likely than people in other countries surveyed in 2025 to question the morality of their fellow countrymen, according to Pew Research Center surveys in 25 countries." Digging deeper gives the primary source of the problem: "Democrats and independents who lean toward the Democratic Party are much more likely than Republicans and Republican leaners to rate fellow Americans as morally and ethically bad." <https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2026/03/05/in-25-country-survey-americans-especially-likely-to-view-fellow-citizens-as-morally-bad/#how->

do-views-of-morality-differ-by-religion. The moral narcissism of the left has gotten out of control and must end.

The left's contempt for those with opposing political view is seen in survey after survey over the past five years. Daniel Cox writing in Survey Center on American life wrote in 2025: "Americans on the political left, particularly liberal women, are more likely than others to distance themselves from people with different political views. As I've written previously 'No group is more likely to end a friendship over politics than liberal women are; 33% say they stopped being friends with someone because of their politics.'" <https://www.americansurveycenter.org/commentary/are-political-differences-behind-americas-dating-woes/> Other surveys note that liberals are more than twice as likely as conservatives to oppose their children dating those with



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opposing political views. We've seen the various liberal icons encouraging fellow Liberals to suspend family relations over conservative views, including spouses. Months ago, during the Left's firebombing of Tesla dealerships (Elon Musk leading DOGE), Fox News headlined "DC matchmaker says political polarization 'on steroids' as Liberal refuse to date Trump voters, Tesla owners." <https://www.foxnews.com/media/dc-matchmaker-says-political-polarization-on-steroids-liberals-refuse-date-trump-voters-tesla-owners>

Liberal "virtue narcissism" comes from the monopoly of the progressive worldview in academia and societal influencers like media and entertainment. This narcissism turns policy disputes over issues like illegal immigration into attacks on personal virtue of individuals. For example, those who want to uphold immigration law are deemed immoral and uncaring by the left. That's despite the motivation being of care for upholding the law, protecting job security for the working class, and maintaining the core Americans identity for future generations. With climate change, disagreements from the right are automatically deemed the selfish immorality of putting "profits over people". That's despite the reasoned motivation of balancing current energy needs against irrational fear of climate Armageddon which has proven exaggerated over and over. With respect to religious belief, the left deems it moral intolerance to believe what the Bible admonishes about sexuality and gender. In a relevant example, the immorality to Bible believing conservatives of having drag queens around children is solely immoral intolerance to the left. At the recent State of the Union address, Democrats in Congress went so far as to call the President a "murderer".

The division caused by the left's moral narcissism has played out violently out on the national stage. Tesla fire bombings, violent rioting over immigration enforcement, endorsement and praise for the assassination of Charlie Kirk. The calls by Democratic leaders, like Governor Tim Walz and others, to openly oppose Federal law enforcement are made with the belief conservatives are immoral and the left is superior on that regard. They say so all the time.

We now see this moral narcissism play out during Operation Epic Fury. The left turning disagreement over the operation into personal moral failings of administration leaders. For almost two months, the Iranian regime murdered tens of thousands of its own people protesting the regime's intolerance and brutality. During that time, the left was silent about the slaughter of Iranians protesters by the hardline oppressive regime. When the operation was launched to successfully remove the top regime leadership, the left attacked the administration on morality grounds. Democratic Congresswoman Ilhan Omar posted on X: "The US apparently loves to strike Muslim countries during Ramadan and I am convinced it isn't what these countries have done to violate international law but about who they worship." <https://nypost.com/2026/02/28/us-news/squad-rep-ilhan-omar-gets-community-noted-for-spreading-misinformation-in-latest-diss-attempt/> Omar went on, characterizing Trump as a hate-filled monster out to murder Muslims. Other Democrats expressed similar moralizing

Family & Marriage

The Meaning of Gratitude

"The test of all happiness is gratitude." - G.K. Chesterton

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." - Bible (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Joe's wife, Jane, was a wonderful housekeeper and cook. Joe had a good job, and so Jane chose to stay home and care for their children. Jane was actively involved in their church and a few charitable organizations in the community, and she enjoyed being with the people and helping where she could. She always received appreciation from others for her contributions and genuinely enjoyed being a part of their activities.

Jane knew that Joe loved her, was faithful to her, and was a good provider. But something was missing. Jane felt like Joe just took her for granted. He very seldom expressed appreciation for the delicious food (although he clearly enjoyed it). He never commented on the clean and orderly house. He loved his children but wasn't very encouraging to them. He went to church but wasn't very involved.

There's an old story about the descent from appreciation to betrayal. If we treat someone with kindness their first reaction is appreciation. If we do it again, they express awareness of what we did for them. The third time we get the feeling that they just expected it and there was no appreciation for what was done. As time goes on there is resentment and even anger when the "pleasurable" treatment doesn't continue. We may experience some kind of retribution or even betrayal.

Dogs, horses, pigeons, and other animals can be trained by rewarding them on the condition of performance for repetitive actions. But that's not gratitude. Our animals may be thankful for good care, but they don't express gratitude. Gratitude is a general appreciation of life. You can be grateful for your family, but thankful that your cousin showed up early to help you set the holiday table. Note, you are grateful for your family, and not just to them.

Developing a sense of gratitude in a family brings about genuine togetherness. Joy is present. There will undoubtedly be challenging times. This is not an easy world and we all make mistakes. But we can be grateful as we sense the love and support of others no matter how we are acting.

We have many examples of ingratitude. Consider our nation today. We have much better living conditions than most of the rest of the world, and protections from the evils around us, and yet we complain and want more.

Whether we are receiving care and support from our family or our country, one of our biggest challenges is moving from appreciation to expectation. Do we appreciate our families, or do we just expect them to act in a way that is pleasing and beneficial to us?

In our families do we periodically express and more frequently make it evident in some way that we appreciate them, not just for what they do but for who they are? A famous quote has been around for many years in a variety of forms, but it basically says, "What you do speaks more loudly than what you say." In the



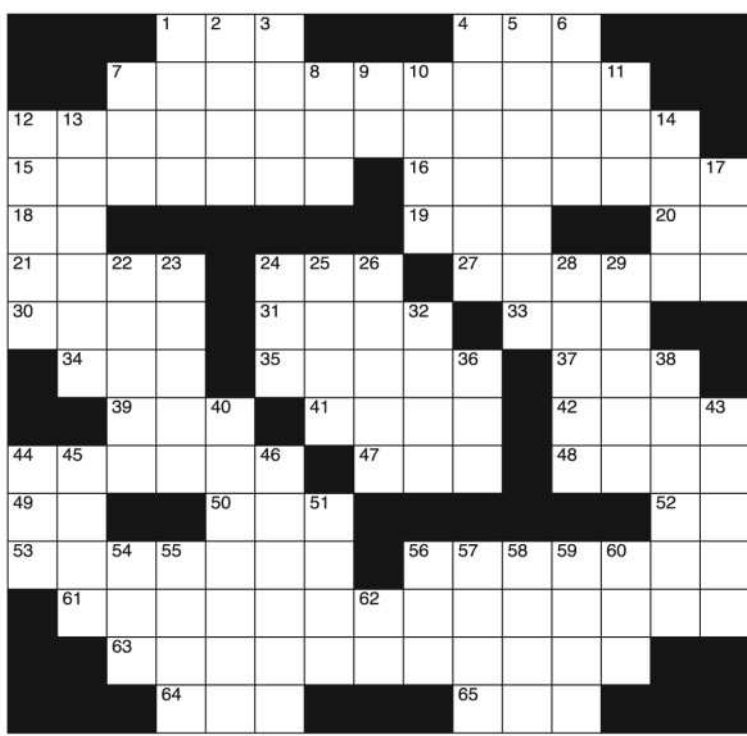
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family we need to tell our loved ones how much we love them for themselves, and in addition it is a great idea to express that appreciation and love by helping with the dirty dishes and keeping the house clean.

We also need to keep reminding ourselves and our family, and others in our life, that as well as thanking them for what they do, we appreciate them and are grateful for who they are.

In the Bible Jesus highlighted the importance of being thankful. He gave thanks for God before the miracle of feeding the 5,000. He gave thanks before asking God to resurrect his friend Lazarus.

So, ask yourself, when was the last time you told and showed your spouse how grateful you are to them? Now do it again, and again, and... (Ideas from Jeffrey Tucker, Brownstone Institute) Family and Marriage Coalition of Aiken (FAMCO) was created to provide resources for you to succeed in your marriage and families. Roger Rollins, Executive Director, FAMCO, 803-640-4689, rogerrollins@gmail.com. Let us know how we can help.



CLUES ACROSS

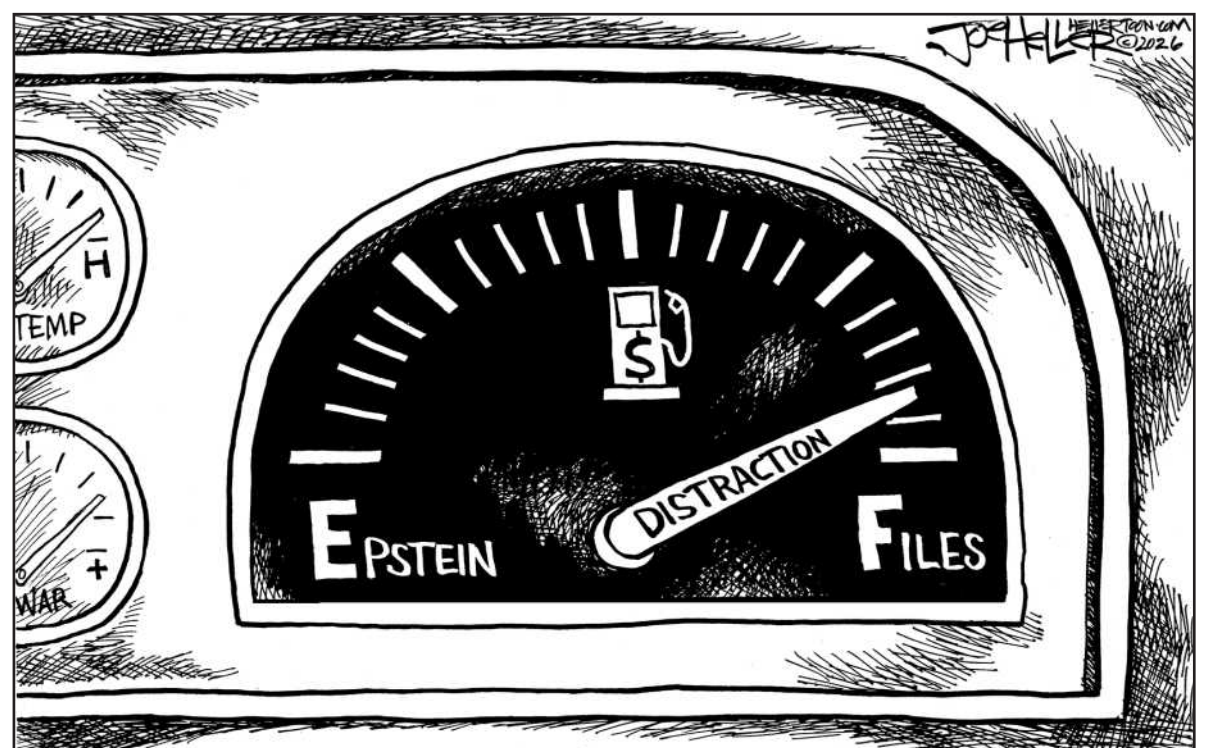
- 1. Blockchain-based entity
- 4. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- 7. Painted with glue
- 12. Legendary crooner
- 15. Structure made with strips of wood
- 16. Tropical fruits
- 18. Commercial
- 19. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 20. The Ocean State
- 21. Ancient Scot
- 24. Basics
- 27. Stated propositions
- 30. Scottish island group
- 31. Expression of annoyance
- 33. Large tree
- 34. Engine additive
- 35. Conspiracy
- 37. Drunkard
- 39. Someone who is morally reprehensible
- 41. Ancient Syrian city
- 42. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 44. Carry (slang)
- 47. Sweet potato
- 48. European river
- 49. The Golden State
- 50. Windy City ballplayer
- 52. New Testament
- 53. Possess spiritually
- 56. A treeless grassy plain
- 61. Popular historical novel
- 63. In a law-abiding way
- 64. A place to sleep
- 65. Criticize

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Impression in a surface
- 2. Computer language
- 3. Relating to the ear
- 4. Occupant
- 5. Member of Great Plains people
- 6. Social media firm
- 7. Digital audiotape
- 8. Midway between east and southeast
- 9. Chronic, progressive disease
- 10. Chinese lute
- 11. Not wet
- 12. Moves wings up and down
- 13. Communication devices
- 14. Swiss river
- 17. Female sibling
- 22. Receive
- 23. Relating to a type
- 24. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 25. Steep bank
- 26. Taxi driver
- 28. Moves into without difficulty
- 29. Bicycle manufacturer
- 32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
- 36. Fugitives are on it
- 38. Bitter-tasting organic substance
- 40. Die
- 43. Matched
- 44. Literary genre ___-fi
- 45. Cannot
- 46. Pounded
- 51. British rock group
- 54. Debt relief order
- 55. 2006 NL Cy Young winner
- 56. Green vegetable
- 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 58. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Ailments
- 60. Famed singer Charles
- 62. Camper



PUZZLE SOLUTION



SUDOKU

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	4	3						
				8	4	3		
6				9		5		
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

6	8	1	9	3	7	2	5	4
2	4	5	6	8	9	3	1	7
3	7	5	4	6	1	8	9	2
8	3	7	5	1	4	6	9	2
5	9	2	8	1	7	8	3	6
7	3	4	8	2	5	9	6	1
6	8	1	7	3	9	2	5	4
1	6	5	9	8	2	4	3	7
2	4	3	6	1	7	5	9	8
8	7	9	3	5	4	1	2	6

ANSWER