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THE DEMOCRAT PARTY'S RADICALISM, PARTICULARLY AGAINST ISRAEL, MUST END

By Bill Connor

Last week, leading Texas Democratic Congressional candidate, Maureen Galindo, showed the extent of anti-Israel radicalism within the Democratic party. Galindo promised on Instagram she will "turn Karnes ICE Detention Center into a prison for American Zionists and former ICE officers for human trafficking. (It will also be a castration processing center for pedophiles which will probably be most of the Zionists)." According to the times of Israel "Galindo (has also) railed against 'Zionist billionaire Jews,' blamed Israel for immigration enforcement in the US, demanded treason charges against politicians linked to Israel, and said that Zionists control the media." [https://www.timesofisrael.com/texas-dems-vow-to-castrate-zionists-highlights-](https://www.timesofisrael.com/texas-dems-vow-to-castrate-zionists-highlights-anti-israel-turmoil-in-us-politics/)

anti-israel-turmoil-in-us-politics/ Progressive rising star, Hasan Piker, whom GQ calls "The hottest left-wing commentator online" is equally horrendous. According to Jonathan Tobin, Piker "went on the popular liberal 'Pod Save America' podcast and declared that the terrorists of Hamas who perpetrated the largest mass slaughter of Jews since the Holocaust in their orgy of murder, rape, torture and kidnapping on Oct. 7, 2023, are 'one thousand times better than Israel.'" <https://www.jns.org/opinion/column/jonathan-stobin/hasan-piker-is-the-democrats-tucker-carlson-only-worse> The insane anti-Israel rhetoric is only part of the overall radicalism of the new Democratic Party. Radicalism which must stop. The Democratic radicalism over Israel and Jews permeates



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everything, including inter-family relations. Pulitzer Prize-winning progressive writer, Jerry Saltz, called for his progressive readers to 'shun' friends or family who voted for any Republican. According to the Daily Mail: "To his 603,000 Instagram followers...., Saltz wrote: 'If you know anyone who voted Republican - including friends and family - you should shun them. 'No need to even tell them that you are no longer communicating with them or why.... 'You own it [sic] yourself, to them, your country, and any idea of moral damage.'" <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-11832131/New-York-Magazine-art-critic-tells-followers-shun-family-friends-vote-Republicans.html>. For years, many in the Democratic Party have been opponents of Israel. What's new, and like what Saltz wrote, is the rising rhetoric against American supporters of Israel. Now to the call they be put in prison by leading Democrat Congressional candidate Galindo.

Democrat radicalism and intolerance over Israel is also seen with their intolerance of opposing views. In 2017, a Cato report showed the rising progressive intolerance: "58% of Americans believe the political climate prevents them from sharing their own political beliefs. Democrats are unique, however, in that (only) a slim majority (53%) do not feel the need to self-censor. Conversely, strong majorities of Republicans (73%).... say they keep (conservative) beliefs to themselves" due to progressive backlash <https://www.cato.org/blog/poll-71-americans-say-political-correctness-has-silenced-discussions-society-needs-have-58>. Progressive Democrat Victoria Turner, editor of Young, Woke and Christian, claimed she could happily date a non-Christian or atheist, but answered "Absolutely not. No." to even the consideration of dating a conservative Christian. <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/08/social-justice-new-religion/671172/>. In The Atlantic, Helen Lewis described the profound level of discrimination against conservatives by progressives: "where racial and religious intermarriage have become commonplace, dating across political lines (progressive to conservative) is the new taboo." <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2022/08/social-justice-new-religion/671172/>.

Founder of Prager University, Dennis Prager, wrote about the disturbing and rising trend of Progressive contempt for conservatives: "Parent after parent calls my radio show... sometimes actually sobbing, pouring their heart out to me about being alone on holidays despite having children and grandchildren. In virtually every case, the parent is conservative, and the child is on the Left.... many leftists are indecent—and leftism makes them so.... Leftism breeds ingratitude, victimhood, moral arrogance—and therefore cruelty..... The screaming shutdowns of conservative speakers on campuses... and cruel treatment of parents." Prager explained the difference with regards religion: "religious people who believe they have to answer to God for their behavior are likely to treat their parents better than those who do not believe so. They believe that God commands them to honor their father and mother. There is no such command on the Left." Important to note, Prager is Jewish and an outspoken critic of racism <https://www.dailysignal.com/2022/12/20/why-many-conservatives-wont-be-with-their-children-or-grandchildren-this-christmas/>

This dynamic is relatively new. In the 1990s, strong majorities of both parties supported Israel. Both parties passed the Defense of Marriage

Family & Marriage

Attitude vs. Behavior

"If you want to change attitudes, start with a change in behavior." – Katharine Hepburn

"Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband." – Bible (Ephesians 5:33)

Ken and Kathy had been married for several years. They were both occupied outside the home. One was employed in a local business and the other was heavily involved in volunteer activities in the community. They were well known and everyone appreciated all that they did to help others. They attended church regularly. Only a few close friends in their church had a feeling that something was not quite right. They knew Ken and Kathy cared for each other and treated each other with respect. There just was something missing.

There are several words in the New Testament (Bible) that are translated as love. The two most of us are familiar with in reference to relationships are agape and phileo. Agape love is unconditional and selfless; phileo love is relational and emotional, flourishing in friendships, trusted bonds, and family ties. Although phileo is a wonderful love and causes many relationships to flourish, it leaves the impression that there are certain conditions. In other words, "I will love (phileo) you if..." Perhaps another way to look at it is in terms of internal vs. external. An attitude is usually controlled by internal feelings. We have certain feelings (inside) about someone, maybe our spouse. But our behavior (external) towards them

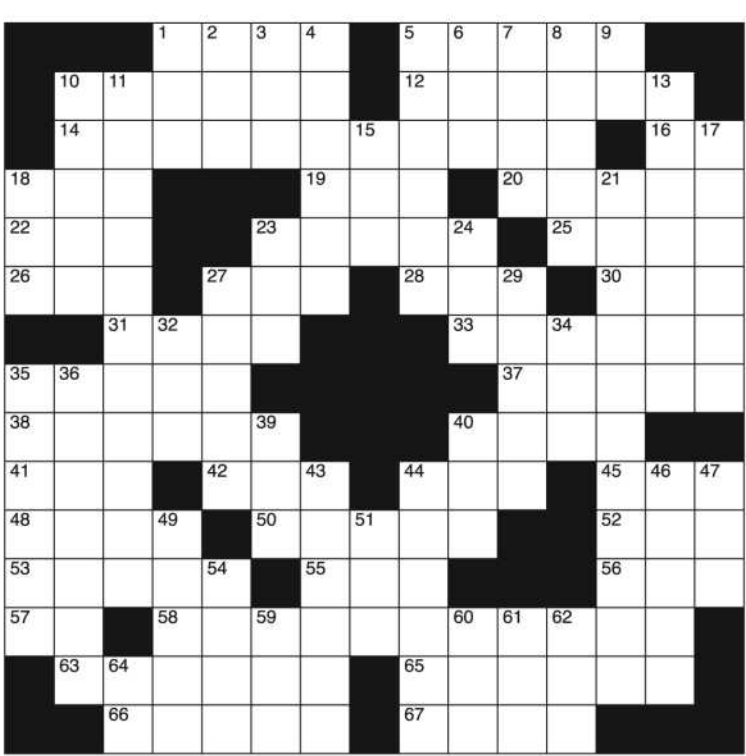
may be different. Many of us become very effective at hiding our internal feelings about a situation or a person. In the workplace we may harbor certain negative feelings towards management, but we try not to let that affect our external attitude and hence behavior. That's difficult to do, as many of us have experienced, whether it's on our job, around someone we don't like, or even in our family.

In marriage, the relationship between husband and wife should be one of both agape and phileo love. The love is unconditional, but there is also the feeling that you have married your best friend. You enjoy being with them and doing things with them and for them. Although the marriage itself isn't conditional upon feelings, it is important and nice for each of them to have those good feelings for each other. Marriages tend to head towards serious trouble when the relationship was established by and based on a love that can be defined as phileo. None of us are perfect, and if our love for another is based on their perfect behavior towards us, we will eventually be disappointed. In a marriage based on phileo love, the first step towards dissolving the marriage is feeling (saying) "I don't love you anymore." That may be the sad truth. The emotions driving our phileo love may have disappeared. Heartache, disappointment, and frustration may have turned an emotional high into an emotional low, and the phileo love may be gone. If that's all that's holding the marriage together – than separation and probably divorce is next. Agape love says I will love unconditionally. It is the highest,



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most pure form of love, as a choice, not out of attraction or obligation. The Bible talks about God's agape love, which is the only kind of love that will last forever, no matter what the external behavior looks like. The word agape only shows up in the Bible in the New Testament. Jesus demonstrated agape love and it's clear that without Jesus' help we cannot love with an agape love. We will always put ourselves first. Marriages that are not founded on an agape love for one another will have a difficult time surviving. Paraphrasing the first few verses in 1 Corinthians 13, I can have lots of wonderful relational gifts, speaking well, intelligent, faithful, giving to the needy, even allowing my body to be burned for another, but if my love towards others, including my spouse, still has conditions, then "it profits me nothing." 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. Let us know how we can help.



CLUES ACROSS

- Streetcar
- Take ___ of it!
- SW Asia peninsula
- Beating wings to escape from a perch
- One who revitalizes
- Indicates position
- Dishonorable man
- Singer King Cole
- Short-tailed marten
- One point east (clockwise) of due north
- The god of the underworld in ancient mythology
- Dirt
- Superconducting super collider
- Not good
- A way to sink
- Unwell
- Follow orders
- Deep ravine

- Perfumery practice
- Indian film director Sultan
- Member of U.S. Navy
- Wing-like
- Very fast airplane
- Slang for cigarette
- Most cars still need it
- Political war chest
- Cools down
- Diminish toward one end
- Indigenous person of Thailand
- Combined
- Container
- Expression of satisfaction
- Thou
- Return a favor
- Go over once more
- Removed
- "Silence of the ___"
- Comedian Rogen

CLUES DOWN

- Children's game
- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Own (Scottish)
- Female follower of Bacchus
- Subsides
- Protects from weather
- Spanish municipality
- Supermarket chain
- Domain name
- Semitic peoples
- Designs anew
- City associated with Jesus
- Cool!
- Bank employee
- Central nervous system
- Standardized piece of text
- A type of fever
- Baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Threaten persistently

- Aspirations
- Baby's eating accessory
- Actress Thurman
- Turn into bone
- One who saves you
- Consume
- Swiss river
- A part of a river where the current is very fast
- Categories
- Expressed amazement
- It's important in respiration (abbr.)
- Greek war dance
- Bland, semi-liquid food
- Regard in a specified way
- Taxi
- Naturally occurring solid material
- Feline
- Post-burning residue
- Elevated railroad



Act (DOMA) in the 1990s and both agreed abortion was a tragedy and should be "rare" (as Democratic President Bill Clinton proclaimed then). Republican and Democratic icons, like Mary Matalin and James Carville, married with support of friends from both parties. That was then. Now leading Democratic Congressional candidates openly propose to send supporters of Israel to concentration camps and progressive media figures call Israel 1000 times worse than murderous terror group Hamas.

The radicalism of the Democratic Party is now causing direct harm to the Republican Party. A fringe, but growing, segment of the Republican party "woke right" has become radicalized against Israel and Israel supporters. This comes with the encouragement of the radical left. According to Jonathan Tobin: "(Congressman) Massie engages in the demonization of Israel's supporters and the AIPAC lobby that makes him sound like an honorary member of the left-wing progressive 'Squad' led by antisemites like Rep. Ihan Omar and Rashida Tlaib. In fact, Massie has gotten vocal support from Congressional Democrats like AOC and Ro Khanna." <https://southernjewishlife.substack.com/p/antisemitism-transformed-thomas-massie> The mainstream Republican Party is fighting the "woke right", while radical Democrats egg it on.

Democratic radicalism is a danger of the nation and must stop. Proverbs 14:34 warns us "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" let us ditch this radicalism and become righteous again.

SUDOKU

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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!

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

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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