

Mary Wollstonecraft

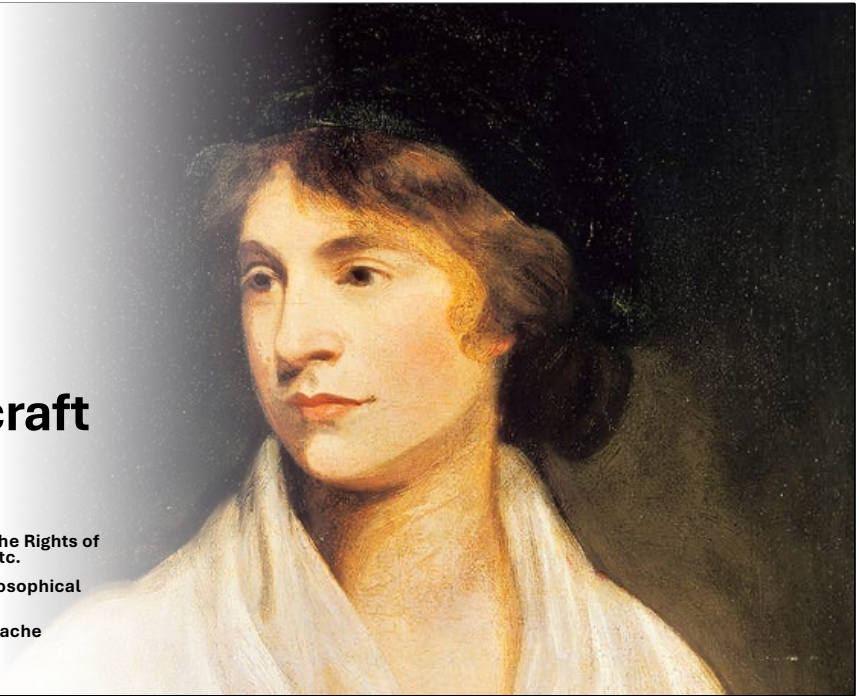
Daughter of an abusive farmer

Worked for a radical publisher

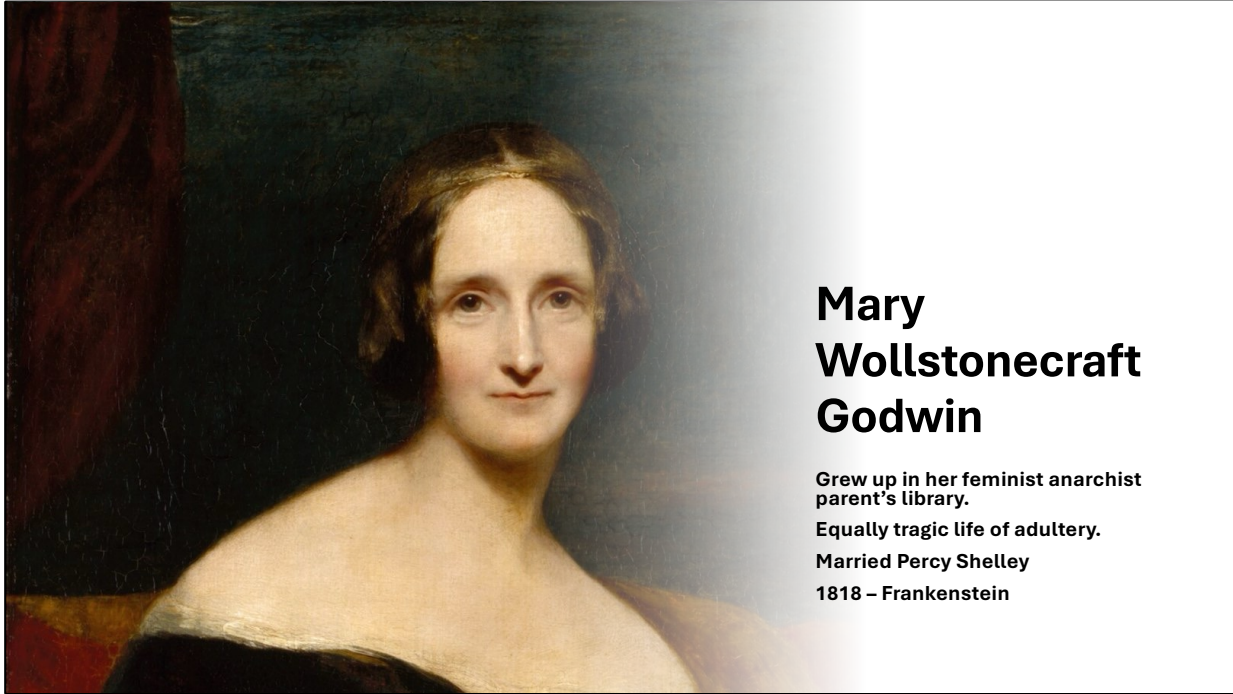
In 1792 wrote *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman* – education, politics, etc.

Husband William Godwin, philosophical anarchist

Tragic life of adultery and heartache



<https://www.biography.com/activists/mary-wollstonecraft>



Her mother died 11 days after she was born. Mary had a tragic life similar to her mother, filled with adultery and heartache.

What does Frankenstein have to do with our topic? Wait for it.

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You'll notice that my slides today have a big mix of formatting. That's because I've pulled from different sermon series that I have taught over the last two years. Everything is here for you at this URL, lots of bonus content.

It just so happens that this coming Sunday I will be teaching on 1 Timothy 2:12. We are going through the book of 1 Timothy at our church as we are teaching the full council of God. I'm happy to have the conversation with this treasured gathering of saints.

Handout

- Bibliography
- Danvers points

Disclaimer: I did use AI in the preparation of this content. <groan> "Ancient Intelligence". That's right. It goes back thousands of years.

This session is to equip those who equip others. We are going to raise the level of the gender conversation above the fray and look at the big picture to frame our

concerns in the proper context.

I am not here to tell you what to think or do. God has already done that for all of us in His word. This time is about equipping us with His word, and understanding how to deliver it to our flocks that have been warped by hundreds of years of bias against God's word.

These topics are only uncomfortable to the degree that we have accepted the world's narrative over obedience to God.

Smelling salts 🗨️ 19 languages

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For the record by Trailer Bride, see [Smelling Salts \(album\)](#).

Smelling salts, also known as **ammonia inhalants**, **spirit of hartshorn**, or **sal volatile**, are **chemical compounds used as stimulants to restore consciousness after fainting**.^[1]


The usual active compound is **ammonium carbonate**—a colorless-to-white, **crystalline solid** ((NH₄)₂CO₃).^[1] Since most modern solutions are mixed with water, they may also be called **aromatic spirits of ammonia**.^[1] Modern solutions may also contain other products to perfume or act in conjunction with the **ammonia**, such as **lavender oil** or **eucalyptus oil**.^[2]

Use [[edit](#)]

Historically, smelling salts have been used on people feeling **faint**.^{[3][4][5]} or who have fainted. Others usually administer them, but they **may also be self-administered**.

Smelling salts are **often used on athletes who have been dazed or knocked unconscious to restore consciousness and mental alertness**.^[1] Smelling salts are now banned in most **boxing competitions** because of the concern that their effect **could mask a more serious injury**.^[6]

They are also used as a form of stimulant in athletic competitions (such as **powerlifting**, **strong man**, **rugby**, and **ice hockey**) to "wake up" competitors to perform better.^{[1][7]} In 2005, **Michael Strahan** estimated that 70–80% of NFL players were using smelling salts as stimulants.^[8]



Two capsules of smelling salts from a first-aid kit. A thin inner glass tube contains alcohol and ammonia; the outer layer is cotton and netting. When crushed, the liquid is released into the cotton, while the glass shards are retained inside. The ammonia-soaked cotton is waved in front of the nose for the treatment of fainting.

<read the smelling salts points>

C. S. Lewis *The Great Divorce*

“We simply found ourselves in contact with a certain current of ideas and plunged into it because it seemed modern and successful.... You know, we just started automatically writing the kind of essays that got good marks and saying the kind of things that won applause.... We were afraid of a breach with the spirit of the age, afraid of ridicule.... Having allowed oneself to drift, unresisting, unpraying, accepting every half-conscious solicitation from our desires, we reached a point where we no longer believed the Faith.”

Is this the American Evangelical church?

Young men are flocking away to stable Orthodox and Catholic churches due to the fluidity of evangelical churches. We keep moving the line.

Today’s topic is part of that.

The church is in a daze regarding gender roles. Today is a dose of smelling salts to help us understand how we got here. And what needs to happen next.

How did we get here? That is the primary question.

The topic of gender roles is not a footnote in a doctrine statement or core value. Satan chose to aim his first attack at the woman in the garden, and he has been attacking women ever since. We are here to restore dignity to women according to God's design and to equip church leaders in the battle.

The church has slipped... on our watch. We have ridden the ship down.

Do not rebuke an older man
but encourage him as you would a father,
younger men as brothers,
older women as mothers,
younger women as sisters,
in all purity.

1 Timothy 5:1-2

This session is not so much of a rebuke as a confession of guilt. What we are going to discuss what happened on our watch.

I am representing Gen X. My generation came along as the sexual revolution and civil rights in the 60s and 70s splintered the church.

Recognizing that we have people here from all generations, folks just starting out in ministry, folks who are approaching the transition phase of ministry, and then guys like me right in the middle. Some of the things I say today may be obvious, some not. I've discovered some things to share after spending two years studying and teaching on this topic.

Outline for today:

How did we get here?

What does scripture say?

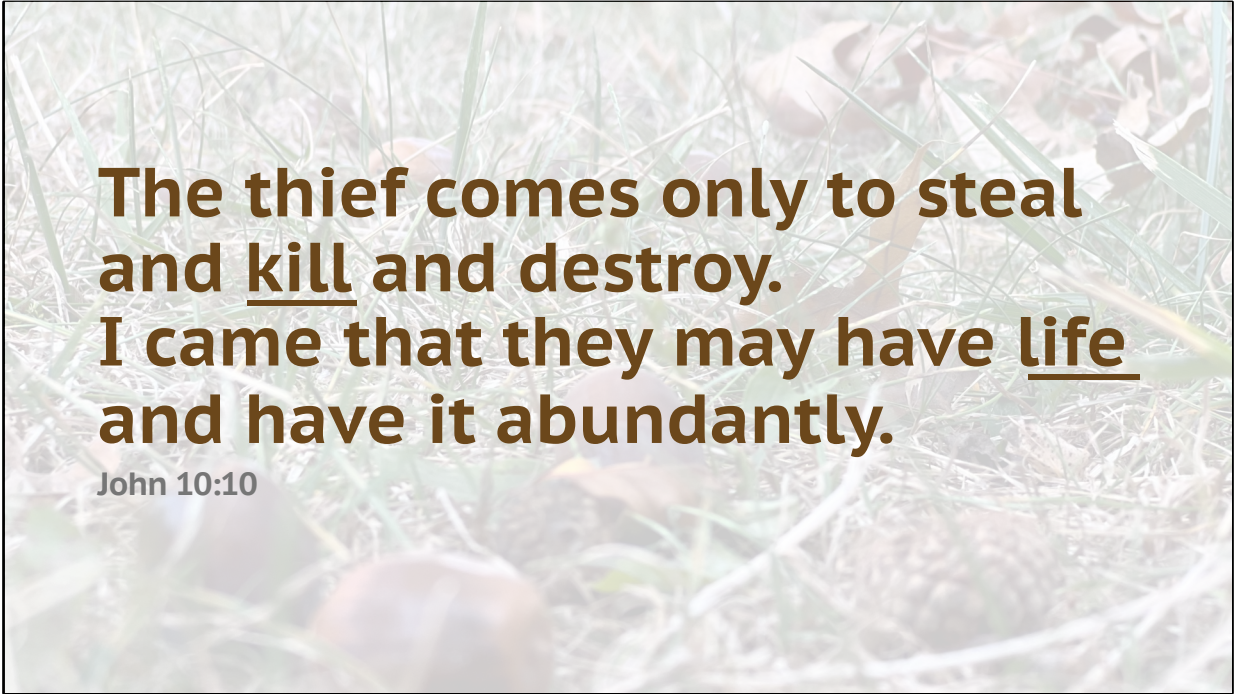
What do I do about it?



There are many finer points we could debate in scripture today. What follows here is the most alarming part of my research.

How did we get here?

As shepherds we are called to defend against fierce wolves. This is going to be dark. Be strong and courageous. Here we go.



**The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life
and have it abundantly.**

John 10:10

These are not casual words. And I stand before you as a casualty of war. My goal is to reduce the number of casualties like me. I will explain what that means later.

The Greatest Threat to Satan: *The woman and the child*

Serpent attacks the woman first	Pharaoh slaughters Hebrew children	Child Sacrifice in Israel to Molech	Herod slaughters Hebrew children	Dragon & Serpent poised to eat the child
Genesis	Exodus	Jeremiah	Matthew	Revelation
Serpent cursed Mutual hatred of the woman Her child will crush you	Prophetic of the coming Messiah	God says twice that even He never imagined this	Rachal weeping The child of Genesis 3:15 has arrived! CONQUERS DEATH!	Woman and child rescued by God

Do you want to know why gender roles in the church is such a battle? Because SATAN hates women and their children. And his lie from the garden is alive and well: "God's design for you is not good." This is the lie repeated since the garden and lives in our churches today.

Both men and women are good.

Motherhood is good.

Children are good.

God created men and women with unique natures, roles, and responsibilities. Beyond our common call to be fruitful and multiply, and to care for creation, women have a special role that men cannot perform.

Genesis 3:20

The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

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Luke 1 – REJOICING IN MOTHERHOOD

41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ... 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

46 And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

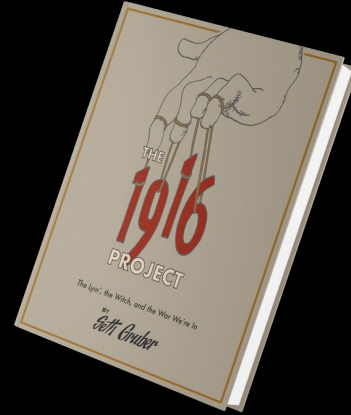
49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

The 1916 Project

Seth Gruber

<https://the1916project.com>



How many have read this book or watched the documentary?

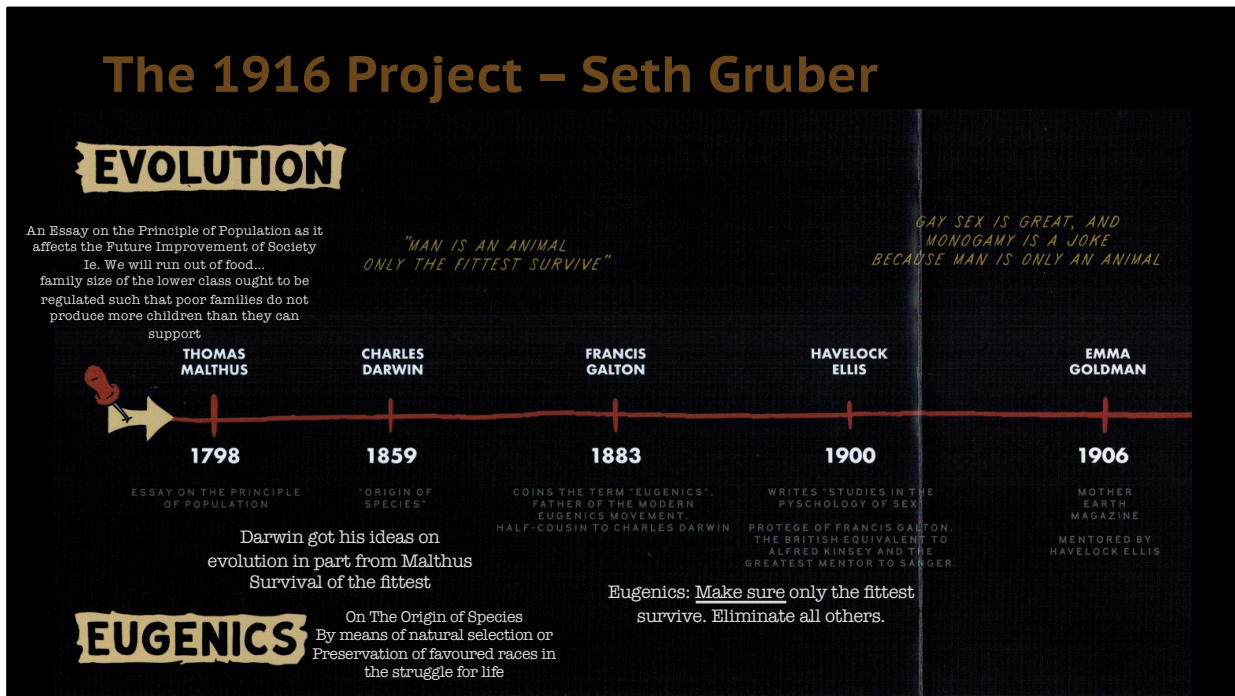
I am going to share some of this content, supplemented with additional research and context.

The Lyn', the Witch, and the War We're In

If you choose to purchase this book, buy it from Seth's website. The Amazon copy does not have the timeline that we are about to review.

So how did we get here? That is the question before us. How did gender become an issue in the church?

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In his magnum opus, *An Essay on the Principle of Population*, [Thomas Malthus](#) wrote the following:

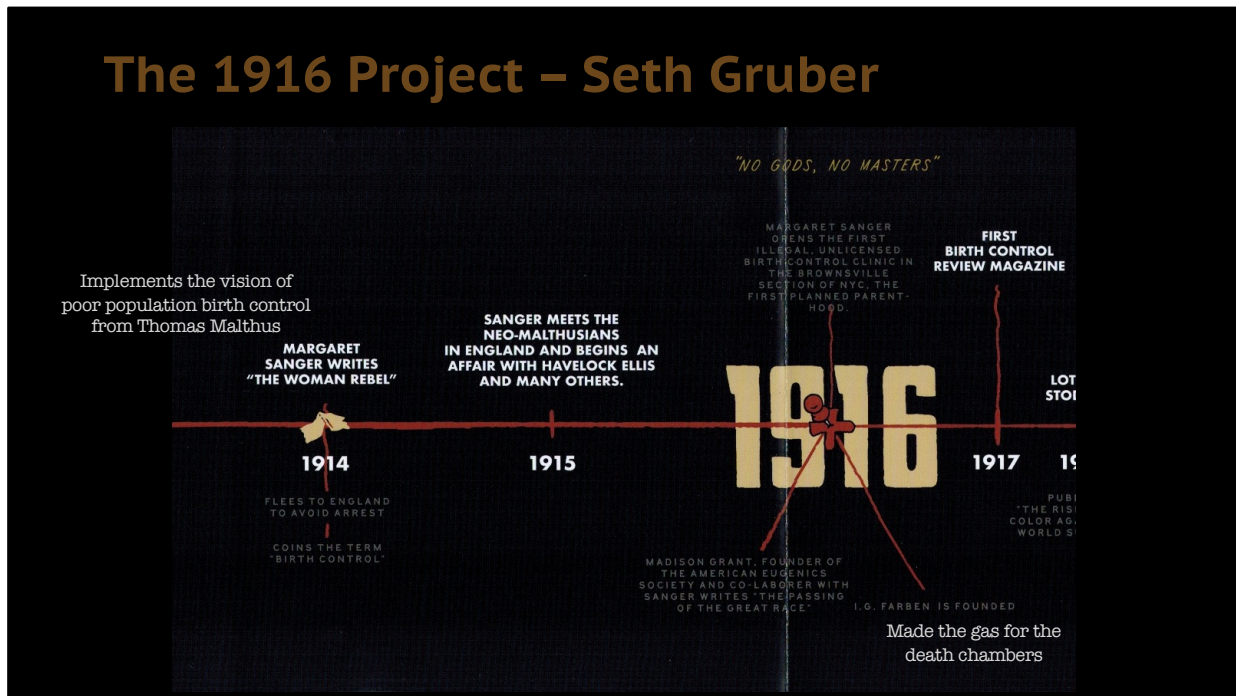
All children born, beyond what would be required to keep up the population to a desired level, must necessarily perish, unless room be made for them by the deaths of grown persons... Therefore...we should [facilitate](#), ... [the operations of nature in producing this mortality](#); and if we dread the too frequent visitation of the horrid form of famine, we should [sedulously encourage the other forms of destruction, which we compel nature to use](#). Instead of recommending [cleanliness to the poor](#), we should encourage contrary habits. In our towns we should make the streets narrower, crowd more people into the houses, and court the return of the plague. In the country, we should build our villages near stagnant pools, and particularly encourage settlements in all marshy and unwholesome situations. But above all, we should reprobate specific [remedies for ravaging diseases](#); and [restrain those benevolent but much mistaken men](#), who have thought they were doing a service to mankind by projecting schemes for the total extirpation of particular disorders.

Gruber, Seth. *The 1916 Project: The Lyin', The Witch and the War We're In* (pp. 22-23). Vindex Media, Inc.. Kindle Edition.

This is the man we can thank for most western families stopping at two children.

After studying this thoroughly, every time I see a family with two children I see a victory of Satan's lie. I know many cannot have children, and some can only have two. But by and large most western families stop at two children due to the lies of Satan through Thomas Malthus.

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Everyone in this room is under attack. We have a target on our back. Women. Children. And elders. Listen to what is called the “strategy of the robes”.

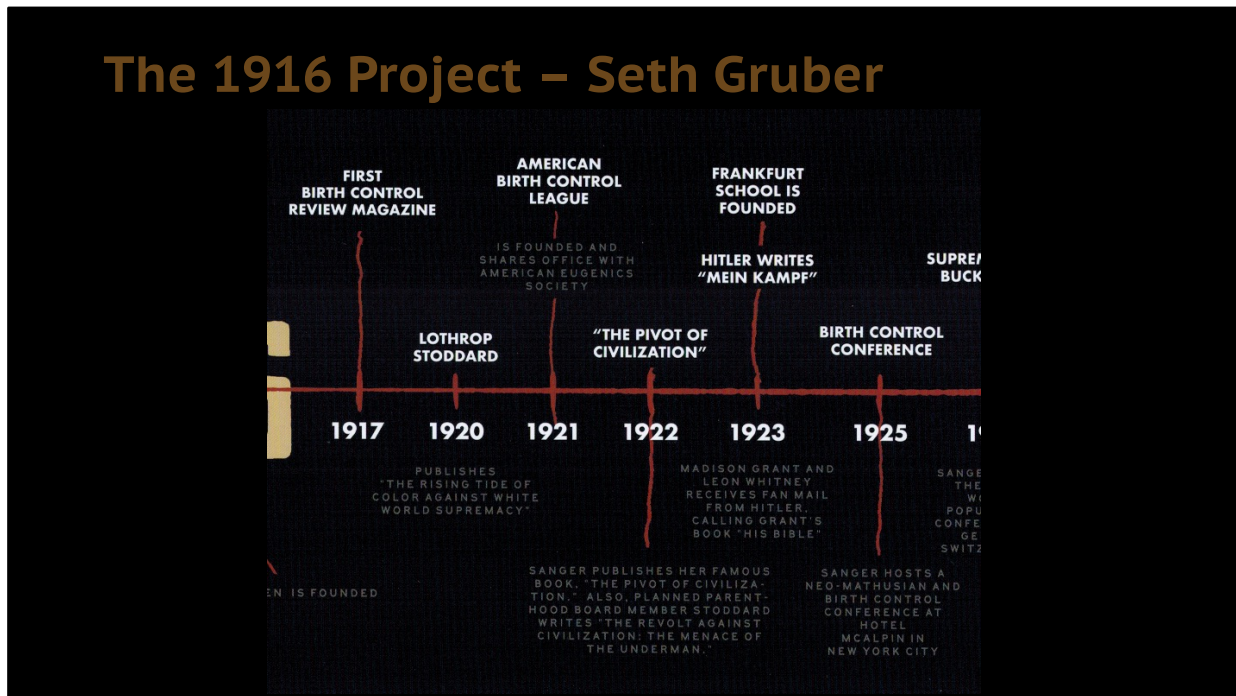
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As this book will continue to prove, revolution and liberation are all that matter. You may call it the Marxist revolution, the communist revolution, the secular moral revolution, the sexual revolution, or simply the humanist revolution; it's all the same thing. It's no coincidence, then, that the roots of both Planned Parenthood and BLM Inc. are fundamentally Marxist in orientation. In fact, BLM Inc. founder Patrisse Cullors has openly said of herself and her co-founder Alicia Garza, “We are trained Marxists.” Both were mentored by avowed Marxist Angela Davis, a student of the [Frankfurt School](#), whose founders and teachers essentially created the revolutionary strategy of the modern Left. They called it “[the strategy of the robes](#).” That is, if they could capture the robes of the courts, [the robes of the clergy](#), the robes of the academies, and the robes of the scientific institutions, the revolution would be perpetual and no one need fire a bullet. An early member and eventual director of the Frankfurt School, Max

Horkheimer, was not shy in explaining this strategy. He said: The revolution will not happen with guns, rather it will happen incrementally, year by year. We will infiltrate their schools and bureaucracies, transforming them into Marxist entities as we move toward universal egalitarianism. And no one perfected and implemented the “strategy of the robes” better than Margaret Sanger. She is likely the most effective progressive revolutionary in over a century, whose nefarious legacy and impact on our current culture is greater than any of her revolutionary forebears or protégés. The famous author and godfather of American liberalism, H. G. Wells, summed it up: Alexander the Great changed a few boundaries and killed a few men. Both he and Napoleon were forced into fame by circumstances outside of themselves and by currents of the time, but Margaret Sanger made currents and circumstances. When the history of our civilization is written, it will be a biological history, and Margaret Sanger will be its heroine.

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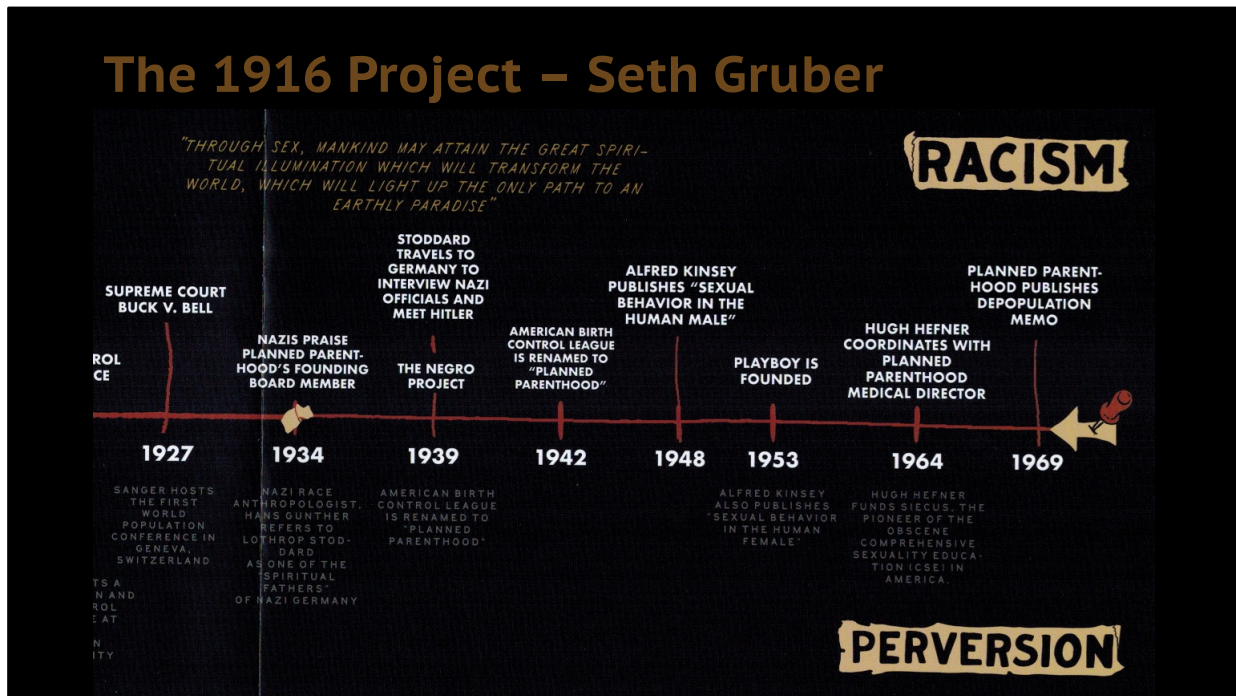
In the first decade of the twentieth century, Sanger had been a part of the labor movement in Greenwich Village. As an advocate for workers' rights, she mingled with Marxists and socialists and was heavily influenced by their ideas. One Marxist concept, in particular, resonated with Sanger: moral people tend to be immune from revolutionary thought. Therefore, society will only change if sexual and social mores are destroyed. The social revolution must begin with a sexual revolution. Sanger understood that if you could titillate the masses, slowly breaking down their inhibitions and shattering any moral compass they might carry, they would be easier to control. That is, sexual liberation is political control. Sanger was refining the strategy of the robes so well that while almost no one knows the names of the founders of the Frankfurt School, almost everyone knows the name Margaret Sanger. In 1914, she published her first magazine, which lasted for eight issues. It was an eight-page pamphlet entitled The Woman Rebel and carried the slogan, "No Gods, No Masters." In the first issue, she wrote, Why The Woman Rebel? Because I believe that deep down in woman's nature lies slumbering the spirit of revolt. Because I believe that woman is enslaved by the world machine, by sex conventions, by motherhood and its present necessary child-rearing, by wage-slavery, by middle-class morality, by customs, laws and superstitions. Because I believe that these things which

enslave woman must be fought openly, fearlessly, consciously.

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This is the voice of Satan. God's design for you is not good. You are enslaved to motherhood and child-rearing and morality. You must fight this.

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In fact, in the very first issue of Sanger's magazine *The Woman Rebel*, the obscene content of which forced her to flee America, we find a sentence that would come to represent and encapsulate the entire Planned Parenthood philosophy to this day. She wrote, "Our objective is unlimited sexual gratification without the burden of unwanted children."

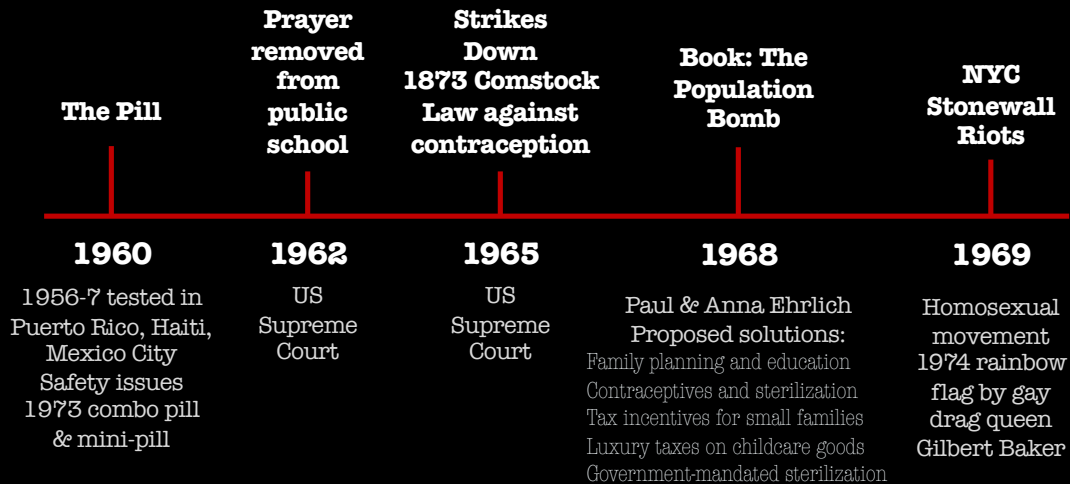
But the abortion business of the American Birth Control League, and later Planned Parenthood, wasn't merely a clean-up product for those who embraced the sexual revolution; Sanger and her ilk began selling sex right alongside its abortion services. The two went hand-in-hand. The more premarital sex the culture engaged in, the more abortions Planned Parenthood could sell:

With a passionate, evangelistic zeal and a shrewd entrepreneurial effectiveness, Planned Parenthood has translated its sordid sex business into a multi-million dollar monopoly: it publishes sex-ed books, pamphlets, and curricula; it develops model sex-ed programs for communities, schools, and affiliates; it creates pre-service, in-service, and enrichment programs for sex-ed trainers; it provides a national resource clearinghouse as a conduit for the dissemination of sex-ed information and materials; it publishes journals, magazines, and newsletters to sex-ed professionals; it catalogues [sic] and evaluates all available sex-ed materials and publications; it produces films, videos, and

advertisements that broadcast sex-ed themes far and wide; it advocates unrestricted sex-ed propagation—kindergarten through twelfth grade—through political lobbying and the courts; and it sends an army of sex-ed speakers into schools, churches, and public forums every day—day in and day out. For Planned Parenthood, then and now, sex-ed is the sales funnel, abortion is their product, and our nation’s children are their prospects. Lest you think I’m jesting, Planned Parenthood president Alan Guttmacher, who replaced Margaret Sanger after her death, was asked by a reporter shortly after *Roe v. Wade* was decided how he would keep the Supreme Court decision secure. He replied with just two words: “Sex education.”

Gruber, Seth. *The 1916 Project: The Lyin’, The Witch and the War We’re In* (pp. 75-76). Vindex Media, Inc.. Kindle Edition.

Timeline Continued



Jaffe Memo

Planned Parenthood

1969

PROPOSED MEASURES TO REDUCE FERTILITY, BY UNIVERSALITY OR SELECTIVITY OF IMPACT IN THE U.S.			
UNIVERSAL IMPACT	SELECTIVE IMPACT DEPENDING ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS		Measures Predicated on Existing Motivation to Prevent Unwanted Pregnancy
Social Constraints	Economic Deterrents/Incentives	Social Controls	
Restructure family: a) Postpone or avoid marriage b) Alter image of ideal family size Compulsory education of children Encourage increased homosexuality Educate for family limitation Fertility control agents in water supply Encourage women to work	Modify tax policies: a) Substantial marriage tax b) Child Tax c) Tax married more than single d) Remove parents' tax exemption e) Additional taxes on parents with more than 1 or 2 children in school Reduce/eliminate paid maternity leave or benefits Reduce/eliminate children's or family allowances Bonuses for delayed marriage and greater child-spacing Pensions for women of 45 with less than N children Eliminate Welfare payments after first 2 children Chronic Depression Require women to work and provide few child care facilities Limit/eliminate publicly-financed medical care, scholarships, housing, loans and subsidies to families with more than N children.	Compulsory abortion of out-of-wedlock pregnancies Compulsory sterilization of all who have two children except for a few who would be allowed three Confine childbearing to only a limited number of adults Stock certificate type permits for children Housing Policies: a) Discouragement of private home ownership b) Stop awarding public housing based on family size	Payments to encourage sterilization Payments to encourage contraception Payments to encourage abortion Abortion and sterilization on demand Allow harmless contraceptives to be distributed nonmedically Improve contraceptive technology Make contraception truly available and accessible Improve maternal health care, with family planning a core element

The measures tabulated here are derived primarily from Davis, Science, 11/10/67; Michael Young's remarks at NIH Conference 6/67; L. & A. Day, Too Many Americans; J. Blake in Sheps & Ridley, Public Health & Population Change; and W. Shockley, Speech in Ontario, 12/67.

Source: Memorandum sent to Bernard Berelson by Frederick S. Jaffe, of the Center for Family Planning Program Development (The Technical Assistance Division of Planned Parenthood/World Population), with the subject: "Activities Relevant to the Study of Population Policy for the United States" responsive to [Berelson's letter of Jan. 24], seeking ideas on necessary and useful activities relevant to formation of population policy". Dated: March 11, 1969.

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“Postpone or avoid marriage”

What did Paul mean in 1 Timothy 2 when he said women would be saved through childbearing? In the same letter to Timothy he talked about those who forbid marriage. Paul was saying that women who reject false doctrine and follow God's good design as the mother of all living will save the church.

Office of Population Affairs Office of Public Health and Science Office of Family Planning

Enacted in 1970, [Title X of the Public Health Service Act](#) provides access to contraceptive services, supplies and information to those in need. Priority for services is given to people with **low incomes**. The Title X Family Planning program is administered through the [Office of Population Affairs](#) under the Office of Public Health and Science. It is directed by the [Office of Family Planning](#).^[88] In 2007, Congress appropriated roughly \$283 million for family planning under Title X, at least 90 percent of which was used for services in family planning clinics.^[89] Title X is a vital source of funding for family planning clinics throughout the nation,^[90] which provide reproductive health care, including abortion.

The education and services supplied by the Title X-funded clinics support **young individuals and low-income families**. The goals of developing healthy families are accomplished by helping individuals and couples decide whether to have children and when the appropriate time to do so would be.^[91]

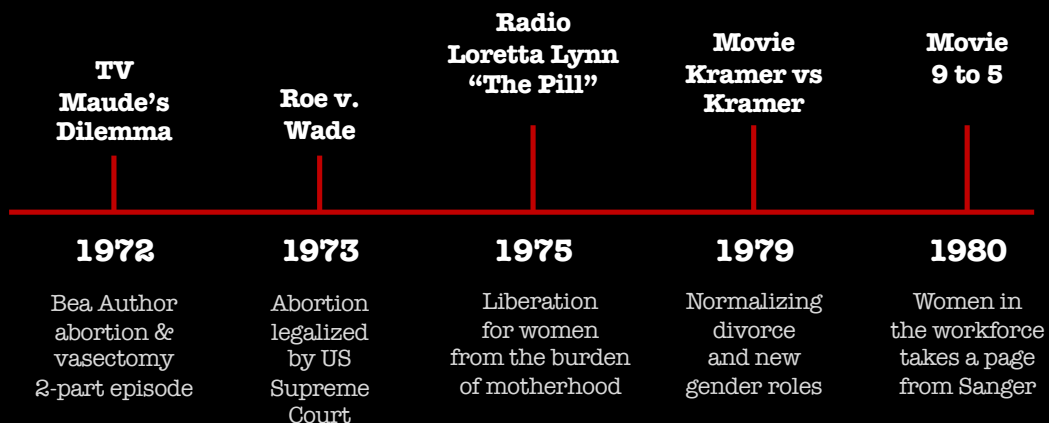
Title X has made the prevention of **unintended pregnancies** possible.^[92] It has allowed millions of American women to receive necessary reproductive health care, plan their pregnancies and prevent abortions. Title X is dedicated exclusively to funding family planning and reproductive health care services.^[93]

Title X as a percentage of total public funding to family planning client services has steadily declined from 44% of total expenditures in 1980 to 12% in 2006. Medicaid has increased from 20% to 71% in the same time. In 2006, Medicaid contributed \$1.3 billion to public family planning.^[94]

In the early 1970s, the United States Congress established the [Commission on Population Growth and the American Future](#) (Chairman [John D. Rockefeller III](#)), which was created to provide recommendations regarding population growth and its social consequences. The Commission submitted its final recommendations in 1972, which included promoting contraceptives and liberalizing abortion regulations, for example.^[95]

This agenda is funded by our own tax dollars.

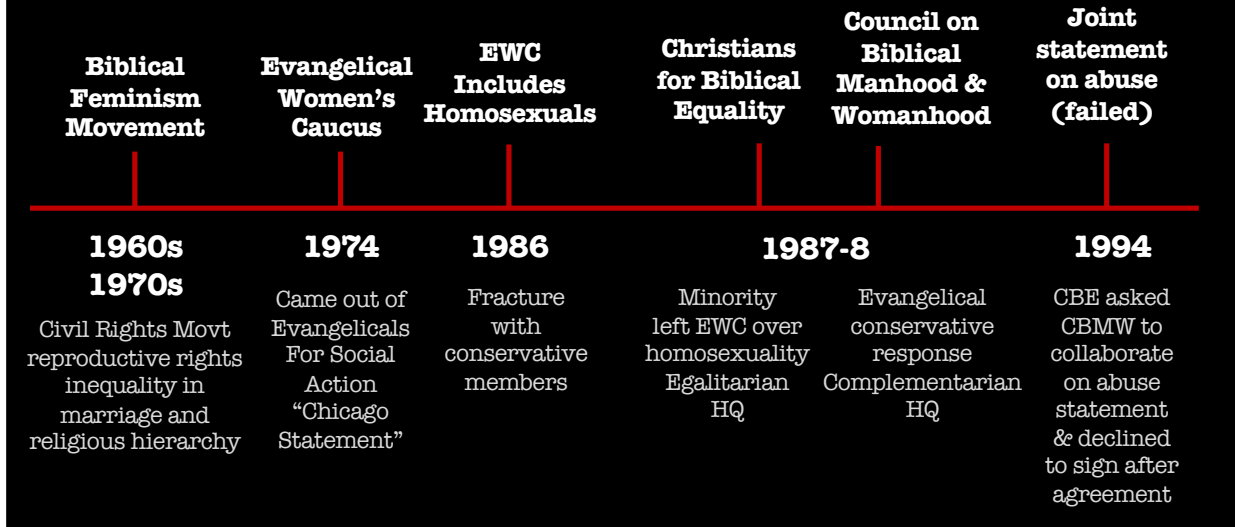
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Entertainers were what the Marxists call "useful idiots". Golden Girl (1985 to 1992) Bea Arthur, Dolly Parton. Loretta Lynn. Loretta's song was banned on some radio stations.

Timeline Continued

remember "strategy of the robes"



Like a squirt gun in a forest fire, brave evangelical souls rallied to form the CBMW. They drafted the Danvers statement to stem the tide of Biblical feminism eroding Biblical gender roles. God bless them. We need more like them. Ray Ortlund, Wayne Grudem, ambassadors that CBE rejected.

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Mutuality

*There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave
Galatians 3:28

“Biblical feminism” movement started in the 1970s

Let’s read the mission and values of this organization

Notice Galatians 3:28 on the front of the web site. That’s the verse we read earlier, “no male or female”.

This is emotional toxic empathy. “You don’t women to be abused do you?” Of course not.

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Strategy of the Robes

MARGARET SANGER - 1914

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Center for Biblical Equality - 1988

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Kansas Senator Roger Marshall released a 300-page report on the origins of COVID-19 in 2023 and said the evidence of a lab leak is so overwhelming that 95 percent of the evidence supports the lab leak theory.

Frankenstein

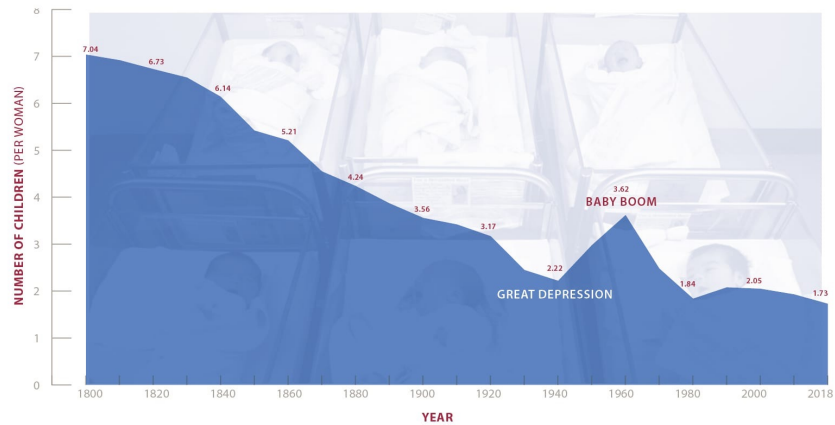
RU-486 Abortion pill	Legalized Homosexual Marriage	Nashville Statement	Humanized Mice & COVID	Roe v Wade Overturned	Gender- Affirming Care
2000	2015	2017	2019	2022	Today
Developed in 1980 France WHO "essential medicine" Legal in US Up to 9 weeks	US Supreme Court	CBMW responds to LGBTQ	UNC Chapel Hill Univ Pittsburgh Wuhan Lab US tax payer funded Aborted baby parts grafted to mice for virus & vaccine development	Abortion law sent to states by US Supreme Court	Sterilizing children

As if the darkness was not great enough...

Remember the Jaffe memory, easy access to birth control, advancing birth control technology



Average Number of Children Per U.S. Family (Historic)



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MILLION
EXPECTATIONS
FOR THE
USA

The effects of these lies over the last two hundred years are clear. Average US birthrate has declined from 7 to <2.

Remember Thomas Malthus in 1798, the book Population Bomb in 1968.

"The world is overcrowded."

Think about all the population experiments on African peoples by the Gates Foundation.



**I needed this teaching 35
years ago.**

What would my future self tell my past self?

I have wrestled with this sermon more than any other in my life.



Casualties of War – *silent church*

1970 Ashley born seven years after sister's traumatic birth

1989 dating

1990 engagement, the *pill*

1991 *sexually active* before marriage

1991 marriage

1992 quit the pill (didn't go back)

1995 first child (after three years!)

1995 natural family planning


1997 miscarriage

1998 second child

2004 miscarriage, gestational hypertension

2005 *deliberation – vasectomy – sterilized*

I have spent my entire life in the church. I never heard a sermon on these facts. Why? Because the church was swimming in the same lies and lacked the courage to teach the full council of God.

A photograph of a person planing wood. The person is in the background, slightly out of focus, wearing a light-colored shirt. They are holding a hand plane against a piece of wood. In the foreground, there is a pile of light-colored wood shavings. The background is dark, making the person and the wood stand out.

**With every
cultural wave
the church
slips a little
more.**

While the courageous
stand and drive a stake
in the ground.

Birth control, divorce, sexual revolution,
materialism, abortion, LGBT, etc., etc.

Like planing down wood, the church is shaved off one denominational split at a time.

Stakes in the ground

Standing for the Bible and Biblical family



- 1934 The Barmen Declaration - Confessing Church in Germany - Church & State
- 1968 Humanae Vitae - Pope Paul VI - Marriage & Family
- 1971 The Southern Baptist Convention Resolution on Abortion - Southern Baptist Convention – Abortion
- 1972 US Supreme Court - Roe v Wade legalizes abortion**
- 1974 The Lausanne Covenant - Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization - Evangelism & Social Responsibility
- 1978 The Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy - International Council on Biblical Inerrancy - Scripture & Science
- 1988 The Danvers Statement - Council on Biblical Manhood & Womanhood - Gender Roles
- 1995 Evangelium Vitae - Pope John Paul II - Abortion & Euthanasia
- 2009 The Manhattan Declaration - Chuck Colson, Robert George, Timothy George - Life, Marriage, & Religious Liberty
- 2015 US Supreme Court - Obergefell v. Hodges legalizes homosexual marriage**
- 2017 The Nashville Statement - Council on Biblical Manhood & Womanhood - Gender & Sexuality
- 2018 The Dallas Statement on Social Justice & the Gospel - John MacArthur and others - Social Justice & the Gospel
- ...and many more, some for Biblical values, others slipping to cultural pressure

There are many more statements from denominations in the last 50 years, many of which are caving to cultural pressure.

Meanwhile we toil away hours and weeks in elders meetings debating the finer points of egalitarian vs complementarian positions.

The Slide, Slip, Drift – 250 years

Hebrews 2:1

KJV

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

ESV

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

Jesus said God permitted divorce for the hardness of your hearts. Slip.
Jesus said to the Revelation church they thought they were righteous but not.
Slip.
Jesus said difficult things to church leaders. Slip.
Jesus said kind things to the broken.

It's not about sexual freedom...
It's about suppressing LIFE in every way possible:
Abortion, birth control, LGBTQIA+, disease
All of these achieve the ends of Satan's global scheme: death

The greatest threat to Satan is the woman and the child.

On the surface, the cultural pressures are proposed solutions to the broken roles (and also rejecting the good roles).
Self-defense against the pain of brokenness, aggressive men, and burden of motherhood in a society that has rejected God

Beneath the surface, the cultural pressures are the global conspiracy of Satan

against God, the author of LIFE.

In the last 250 years we have seen this scheme become global, coordinated, institutionalized, profitable, accepted in the culture, and alive in the Church. “The strategy of the robes” has infected our flocks and our leaders.

Satan’s fear and lies started in the Garden of Eden. We have all fallen for them. I was a casualty of war.

Are you?

Judges 6-8 Gideon

How do we respond to the idols passed down to us?

Judges 6

25 That night the LORD said to him, "Take your father's bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it 26 and build an altar to the LORD your God on the top of the stronghold here, with stones laid in due order. Then take the second bull and offer it as a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down." 27 So Gideon took ten men of his servants and did as the LORD had told him. But because he was too afraid of his family and the men of the town to do it by day, he did it by night.

28 When the men of the town rose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar that had been built. 29 And they said to one another, "Who has done this thing?" And after they had searched and inquired, they said, "Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing." 30 Then the men of the town said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, for he has broken down the altar of Baal and cut down the Asherah beside it." 31 But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Will you contend for Baal? Or will you save him? Whoever contends for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because his altar has been broken down." 32 Therefore on that day Gideon was called Jerubbaal, that is to say, "Let Baal contend against him," because he broke down his altar.

Judges 8

33 As soon as Gideon died, the people of Israel turned again and whored after the Baals and made Baal-berith their god. 34 And the people of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hand of all their enemies on every side, 35 and they did not show steadfast love to the family of Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) in return for all the good that he had done to Israel.

How do we respond?

We pull down the idols passed to us and restore God's worship

Gideon was too afraid to do it by day, so he did it at night.

His father defended him, because Gideon had the courage to do what his father wouldn't do.



2 Kings 22-23

Josiah cleaning out the idols

- **Rediscovered the book of the law**
- **Repents in humility**
- **Restores proper worship of God, including Passover**
- **Judgment will still come, but he will be spared**
- **The temple chambers were filled with pagan fertility gods and altars on/around the temple**
- **It took days to haul them all away and destroy them**
- **Then weeks to clear the land of altars**
- **Clean house, clean land, destroy the priests of false worship, restore covenant worship of God, God's justice must still be satisfied**

Imagine doing this to rainbow churches in your town



How do we respond?

- **Examine our hearts**
- **Repent**
- **Ask God for courage to stand**
- **Teach and celebrate the truth**
- **Excavate souls from the ruins of the fall (Spurgeon)**

If we are triggered by God's word, then we find ourselves in the place of Eve in Genesis 3, doubting the love of our Heavenly Father.

We must examine our heart to understand why we are afraid of God.

We must reframe our understanding of who God is by the truth of his word and aim our strife toward the real enemy and not one another.

We must glorify and cherish women as the cream of God's created order and show them the love God intended for them.

We dress the wounds of the casualties of war. Counseling and encouraging those impacted.

The irreducible components of God's design

LIFE

LOVE

TRUTH

Test every idea by these three points.

Apply each one of these to the cultural pressure of the day to discern whether it

falls short of God's design.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

[3] For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.

[4] For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. [5] We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, [6] being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

Praise for our counter-cultural families

Christian

Married

Children

Godly education



What does your wife say, Ashley?

Mary: Eve was a gift to a lonely man. Satan corrupts every gift: water, food, people, spiritual gifts.

Where are we getting our truth? Scripture. The One who is the truth.

People would ask me, “Does your wife work?” I knew what they meant. I said she works harder than I do. She is a full time mom and homeschools our children.

In my wife’s experience the problem is not the evil patriarchy that the egalitarians campaign against. The aggressive male is the exception not the rule in her experience. It is other women in the church who have believed the lie.

Other women would tell you
What do you do with all your free time?
Don’t you get bored with that?

Don’t you wanna do something with your life?

Dr Emerick. A believer. I’m glad you’re a stay at home mom. There should be more of them. Thank you for doing that.

Then it spirals: Self righteous women putting down working women who had no choice. Women who had to work feeling less than.

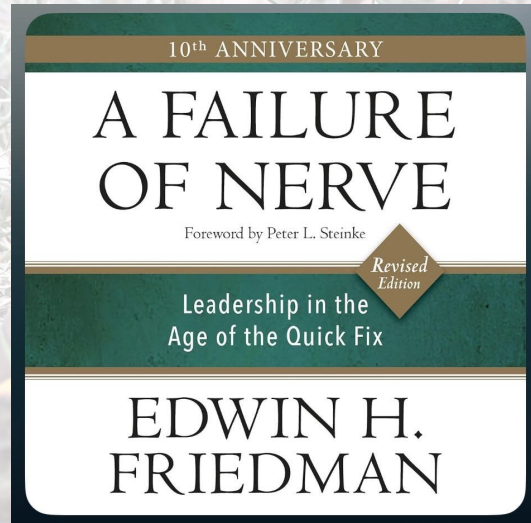
Women have been under attack since the Garden of Eden. That was Satan's first target. And he hasn't stopped. Now he has women attacking women for him, both inside and outside the church.

A Failure of Nerve Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix *Edwin Friedman*

Read (or listen to) chapter two

Chronically anxious churches

1. **Reactivity**
2. **Herd over individuality. Adapt to least adjusted.**
3. **Blame displacement. Victimhood over personal responsibility**
4. **Quick fix search for release from pain.**
5. **Lack of differentiated leadership**



Remember Gideon. Afraid to pull down the fertility idols?

Have you ever found yourself in a conversation, and you suddenly realize you've being manipulated, but you're not sure how to respond? You know something is not right, but you can't put your finger on it?

Have you ever been the leader trying to please the most vocal member of your flock, only to realize you are now taking the flock on a wild goose chase to satisfy the one?

That was me.

Here is a recipe for courage.

Other than the Bible, I have quoted from this book more than any other over the last year. It was like turning on the blacklight in a crime scene. It illuminated tactics that I had fallen for as a leader when faced with cultural pressure. It helped me find a backbone as a leader and to see through the anxious dialog that you get pulled into. It is a framework that you can use for family, church, work, politics, you name it.

These are the tactics in full force in the woke anxiety that has infiltrated our churches. And more than that, is the soup our flocks swim in every day.

This book was written 25 years, it is prophetically accurate for the world in which

we find ourselves.

This book is used in seminaries, and I recommend it for your bookshelf... after you read it. Audiobook is how I consumed it, but I quickly realized I needed a printed copy as well, so I bought both.

While you're at it, also pick up a copy of "Friedman's Fables".

Now I will advise you that there are a few sparse, obviously objectional, points. Sift those out for the pure gold these books offer. Ask me more about them over lunch.

Genesis 1-3 “you”



- Masculine/Feminine
- Singular/Plural
- <https://tinyurl.com/gendercohort>

3:3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, "You **ms** shall not eat from it or touch it, or you **ms** will die."
3:4 The serpent said to the woman, "You **mp** surely will not die!
3:5 "For God knows that in the day you **mp** eat from it your **mp** eyes will be opened, and you **mp** will be like God, knowing good and evil."
3:6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.
3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.
3:8 They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.
3:9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you **ms**?"
3:10 He said, "I heard the sound of You **ms** in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."
3:11 And He said, "Who told you **ms** that you **ms** were naked? Have you **ms** eaten from the tree of which I commanded you **ms** not to eat?"
3:12 The man said, "The woman whom You **ms** gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."
3:13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you **f** have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
3:14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you **ms** have done this, Cursed are you **ms** more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your **ms** belly you **ms** will go, And dust you **ms** will eat All the days of your **ms** life;
3:15 And I will put enmity Between you **ms** and the woman, And between your **ms** seed and her seed; He shall bruise you **ms** on the head, And you **ms** shall bruise him on the heel."
3:16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your **f** pain in childbirth, In pain you **f** will bring forth children; Yet your **f** desire (Gen 4:7; SoS 7:10) will be for your **f** husband, And he will rule over you **f**."
3:17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you **ms** have listened to the voice of your **ms** wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you **ms**, saying, 'You **ms** shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you **ms**, in toil you **ms** will eat of it All the days of your **ms** life.
3:18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you **f**; And you **ms** will eat the plants of the field;
3:19 By the sweat of your **ms** face you **ms** will eat bread, Till you **ms** return to the ground, Because from it you **ms** were taken; For you **ms** are dust, And to dust you **ms** shall return."
3:20 Now the man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.

To help us understand exactly what Genesis 1-3 says, I have done some exegesis on the word “you”, which is terribly imprecise in the English language.

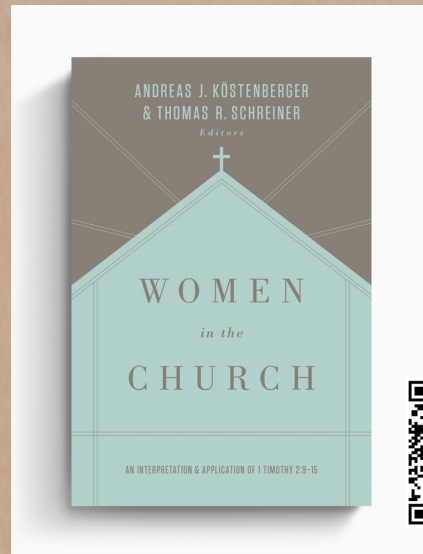
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I have great respect for the authors of this book. It was very helpful to me in preparing for this series, and I recommend it to you for reading. I have two loaner copies here that I would be glad to share with you.

humble, thorough, careful, scholarly, accessible

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My son, beware of anything beyond these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Ecclesiastes 12:12

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When I first began studying this issue in earnest, I wanted to believe that Scripture places no limitations on women in ministry and that every ministry position is open to them. As a student, I read many articles on the question, hoping that I could be convinced exegetically that all ministry offices should be opened to women. Upon reading the articles, though, I remained unconvinced intellectually and exegetically that the new interpretations of the controversial passages were plausible. Indeed, reading the egalitarian interpretations persuaded me that the complementarian view was true, since the former involved unlikely interpretations of the so-called problem passages. I remember saying to a friend who is a New Testament scholar, “I would like to believe the position you hold. But it seems as if you have to leap over the evidence of the text to espouse such a position.” He replied, “Tom, you are right. Take that leap. Take that leap.” Leaping over the evidence is precisely what I am unwilling to do. Thus, I remain unconvinced intellectually and exegetically that the egalitarian position is tenable. The complementarian position seems unloving and discriminatory to many, and the general atmosphere of our society encourages people to liberate themselves from traditional views. American culture often lauds those who discard conventional positions and brands those who advocate new positions as courageous, creative, and thoughtful. On the other hand, those who hold the

complementarian view may be thought of as contentious, narrow, and perhaps even psychologically hampered... The truth or falsity of both views must be established by an intensive exegesis of the biblical text.

Others said the same

Mike Winger – a year of research and 40 hours of videos later

Ashley McGlone – working out my own understanding of scripture

You and I don't have time to read stacks of books on a given topic. These men have. I have come to trust their research and their heart on multiple topics. I commend them to you.

They both arrived at the same conclusion after years of extensive research.

What does scripture say?

- **Woman is capable and intelligent, not less than**
- **Woman is the “glory of the glory”, pinnacle of Creation**
- **God’s design is good**
- **Motherhood is good**
- **Children are a blessing**
- **Male leadership in home and church**
- **Love one another. Lay down our lives for one another.**
- **Command and teach these things**

Why is this so difficult? Because Satan attacked the identity of women. Satan was the first to say, “You are less than.” That was a lie.

Women are intelligent and capable, just read Proverbs 31. While the man and woman each played a part in the fall, Adam carries responsibility for the fall.

If God made women less than men, then that would violate his proclamation of good. To the contrary, women are the glory of men and all creation. The only reason this whole discussion is so negative is because we are defending against attacks, just like in the garden. God called men and women good. Women are pleasing to God.

Sinful men and sinful women are not pleasing to God, or to one another. Of course we react against sin, but how we react is different. The biblical response to sin is repentance and obedience to God, not launching a rights campaign.

This is war. We don’t need more casualties of war.



Remember Ephesus

The Tale of Two Pitfalls:

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The Tale of Two Pitfalls: the story of the forty year old church at Ephesus.

This is the story of finding the challenging and blessed balance between love and truth.

We first encounter the church of Ephesus in Acts 18. Apollos is reasoning in the synagogue. Priscilla and Aquila come and give him some pointers. And like John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus, Apollos prepared the way for Paul in the synagogue to come and begin to share the gospel. It didn't take long for Paul to move onto the Hall of Tyranus, obviously not a Jewish name, but a Gentile name. And Paul ended up spending three years there in Ephesus teaching.

He made a quick lap around some other cities and came back in Acts 20 to the famous beach scene with the elders of Ephesus. Where he warned them about wolves that would emerge from within. Later, he wrote the letter to the church at Ephesus. And then 10 years after this famous beach scene, he wrote to Timothy as a young elder at the church of Ephesus. He told Timothy that already some had wandered away and to persist in teaching what is true and command and teach these things. He also told Timothy that the aim of our charges love that

issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

By the time we get to the church of Ephesus in the book of Revelation, when, through the apostle John, Christ commends the church of Ephesus for how they have guarded against those who have wandered away and the false apostles and false teaching. But in so doing they wandered away from their first love.

These are the two pitfalls. As we cling to sound doctrine and sound teaching, we must not lose sight of love, the heart of the gospel. Paul was a Pharisee, he knew the attitude of Pharisees, and he didn't want the church of Ephesus to turn into a group of Gentile Pharisees.

While we discussed points of doctrine as Elders and review our core values as a movement, these are good pursuits. Let us not fall into either one of these pits.

Yes, we must maintain true doctrine and guard against the wolves that could emerge from within, at the same time, maintaining our charge of love for all.

The topic of gender roles is a sub topic here. The charge was to keep what is true, to guard against what is false, those apostles, teaching false doctrine. And one subpoint of false doctrine could be in the area of gender roles. We know it is false because it has labeled not good what God called good. That is the context where we have our teaching today. Our aim is both love and truth.

I am going to make a strong statement. Both Paul in his letter to Timothy and Christ to the churches in Revelation warned against Satan's agenda creeping into the church. When I read the mission statement and core values of the egalitarian movement, also known as biblical feminism, I see satanic themes as documented in the position of Marxism. When you read the statement from egalitarians, it is filled with language of oppression and power, lifting up an untrue enemy as the sinful authority of the patriarchy which is not God's design. The enemy of egalitarianism is aggressive men. Aggressive men are not God's design, and that is clear from Genesis 1-3. If we are to pursue a true Genesis view of men's and women's roles, we will not have either aggressive men or aggressive women. But we will have brothers and sisters who care for one another in love and lean into their unique God-given roles and strengths. To deny the uniqueness of our biology and purpose is to deny God's design.

As I've studied this topic for the last few years, the question that God asked Adam keeps coming to mind, who told you that you were naked? Who told us there is a problem with God's design? Was it God or was it Satan? Paul said in 2 Corinthians 11:3 but I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be let astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. That is my concern with relation to this issue of gender roles. It is only a difficult topic because we have believed the lies of Satan that have come through Marxism, to our culture, to our churches. There's a history of 250 years in the recent feminist movement. The damage from this movement has been evidenced by abortion, the devaluation of godly roles for women, the sexual revolution, and even birth control for believers who subscribe to God's word where he mandated

fruitfulness as the creation mandate.

These topics are only uncomfortable to the degree that we have accepted the world's narrative over obedience to God.

So as we discuss this topic today, let us remember that the aim of our charge is love, that we not lose our first love, and that we pursue true doctrine in the spirit in which it was intended, as God's design for human flourishing. God gave us two genders for a purpose, and we are one before God in salvation. Let us explore these unique strengths that God intended for each gender, and the lanes that he laid out for each to run in within the church.

Paul said that he did not shrink back from delivering anything that was profitable, and he did not shrink back from teaching the whole council of God. Let us not shrink back in the face of Satanic cultural pressure to compromise on God's design for men and women, in society, in the home, and in the church.

Today there is no church at Ephesus.