2023 – the year we conquer

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Yesterday *CNAV* presented its 2022 Year in Review <u>commentary</u>. Today we greet the New Year with a New Year's Resolution: to conquer more objectives in the Culture War. 2022 gave us opportunities. Now we must take them.

The theaters, and objectives, of the Culture War in 2023

For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but Divinely powerful for the destruction of [spiritual] fortresses.

2 Corinthians 10:4 (NASB)

Likewise the Culture War in 2023 will not involve conventional weapons, nor combat in the traditional sense. Instead, the theaters of war will primarily be electoral, social media, and legal.

The House of Representatives will likely *not* be a theater for conquest. True, Republicans, not Democrats, will control it. So *if* the House Republican Conference would hold together, they could forbid the President to violate the Constitution any further. (Or rather, they could forbid *Ambassador Rice*, the Shadow President, to do this.) But that applies only to stopping any new legislation. The "investigations" that Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) promises, so that the House Freedom Caucus will let him be Speaker, will amount to nothing more than Kabuki Theater, if they take place at all. The best hope for the House will be for diversionary actions and a line of Constitutional defense.

But in elections, social media, and the courts, conservatives can make gains they likely never thought possible before. Still, those gains will require strategy. And *strategy* requires the four most important military elements: *objective, offensive, unity of command,* and *mass.* The *objective* must be the redemption of something called the United States of America. Perhaps that must begin with saving a remnant of its people through an informal interstate compact, or even secession. In any case, redemption means, and must be: in God's Name.

The major weakness of conservatives: lack of unity of command

If anything will stop the conservative advance, it is lack of unity of command. Ask any Southern historian: even one bad general will beat two or more good generals who argue. As Major General William S. Rosecrans USA proved against General Lee himself in the western Virginia theater. (That's why they call it *West* Virginia.)

Donald J. Trump should be in command, and other conservatives should stop arguing with him. That's not happening. Gov. Ron DeSantis (R-Fla.) achieved some valuable objectives last year, but fell short in the legislative and social media theaters. More to the point, the conservative movement really commands only half the Republican Party. The other half has RINOs like McCarthy and Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.). Those two men sabotaged the campaign to recapture Congress, with the result that they remain in leadership while:

- The Senate is now firmly in Democratic hands, even *without* the Vice-President breaking ties, and
- The House of Representatives has a weak majority at best.

Indeed the only reason why the House Republican Conference might hold is that even the most liberal Republican lies to the right of the most conservative Democrat. But the Caucus Dues system empowers lobbyists, many of whom the Democrats could buy off with promises of government contracts. These lobbyists tell Representatives what to do, and what they say, goes. Bear this in mind as you watch the House do things the Republican Conference can neither explain nor excuse.

The electoral theater in 2023

Vote, and the choice is yours. Don't vote, and the choice is theirs.

Public-service slogan from the 1960s

Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey and Virginia will have their own off-year Midterms. In the context of State government, a State Midterm is any election that doesn't elect a Governor. Governors Phil Murphy (D-N.J.) and Glenn Youngkin (R-Va.) will remain. But <u>in Virginia</u>, the entire Senate and House of Delegates will be up for reelection. (Louisiana, Mississippi, and New Jersey will also hold elections for both their legislative chambers.) Special elections of a

new Congressman to replace the late Don McEachin (D-Fourth), two Delegates, and a State Senator, will take place January 10. In addition, the following <u>local offices</u> come up for reelection on November 7, 2023:

- Boards of Education in 91 counties and three independent cities,
- Boards of Soil and Water Conservation in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach,
- Councils in three independent cities and sixteen towns, and
- Boards of Supervisors in 95 counties.

CNAV encourages *anyone* to stand up in *any* legislative election. Win or lose, such campaigns serve as diversionary actions and as platforms to "get the message out."

Need for vetting of candidates

More to the point, county, municipal, school, sheriff's, and prosecuting-attorney elections have always been the sleepiest. *That must no longer hold.* Boards of Education especially have our future generations in their direct hands. Boards of Supervisors, and City Councils, can make life happy or miserable at the most basic level. And sheriffs, as Constitutional officers, can thwart unconstitutional State or even federal enforcement actions.

Regarding prosecuting attorneys: George Soros has put in place many who *won't* prosecute, even for violent offenses. What Actor William Talman, who died of lung cancer two years after wrapping a TV project in which he played Los Angeles County's most famous fictitious District Attorney, would think of the *real-life* District Attorney of Los Angeles County today, *CNAV* shudders to imagine. (You saw only the battles "Hamilton Burger" lost, which were likely a fraction of his caseload. As Talman portrayed him, he was an unflinchingly dedicated public servant – unlike the pretend DA they have today.) And what *Vince Bugliosi* would think of the situation, *CNAV* shudders even harder to imagine.

All of which to say: *be careful whom you vote for, for prosecuting attorney or sheriff.* And instead of just voting for whoever's on the stiff flyer card you get in the mail, *consider running for School Board or County Supervisor yourself.* If you have children, their futures are on the line. Act, judge, and vote accordingly. The lessons your children learn today, will inform *their* choices as adults.

Social media as a theater in 2023

Elon Musk changed the game when he bought Twitter and especially when he released the Twitter Files. Before then, we all knew that social media organs were <u>State actors</u>. But at best we lamented that Trust and Safety Teams (or whatever their moderators called themselves) were mutually *simpatico* with themselves and with bastions of leftist thought (namely colleges and universities). But then *The Intercept* revealed (boasted of?) the hand-in-glove relationship between social media (the gloves) and government agencies (the hands). The Twitter Files gave us not only the proof but the means and methods.

The Attorneys General of Missouri and Louisiana, together with several famous censorship targets, now are prosecuting a massive <u>lawsuit</u> against pResident Biden, Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, and a vast list of government bureaucratic defendants. (Eric Schmitt, the AG of Missouri, will take his seat in the U.S. Senate this week.) But conservatives must fight their real battles in social media itself. Twitter, while perhaps not absolutely secure, is safer now than ever before for freedom of speech. Conservatives must leverage Twitter to fight censorship on other platforms, or promote lesser known platforms that don't censor. <u>BitChute, Brighteon</u>, and <u>Rumble</u> are the three most prominent.

Warning! *Do not touch TikTok with a proverbial ten-foot pole!* They are the social media organ of Mainland China – the Middle Kingdom to Rule the World. (With apologies to J. R. R. Tolkien.) The U.S. House of Representatives and several government offices now *forbid* their staff to use TikTok. *And with good reason.*

About Gab

<u>Gab</u> is a special case. Andrew Torba has actually built a platform with a fully independent infrastructure, and now created his own marketplace, payment processor, news aggregator, and video service. But he has made clear that he wants to create a neo-Amish society and make his empire part of that. As such he will likely never try to grow his platform other than by attracting people who share that vision. Which, furthermore, is hard to discern, because everything he posts to Telegram from May 25, 2022 onwards seems set to self-destruct.

Good morning, Mr. {Briggs|Phelps}. The {wo}man you are looking at {Dan|Jim}, if Your mission, {Dan|Jim}, should you choose to accept it, is to As ever, should you or any member of your I.M. force be caught or killed, The Secretary will disavow any knowledge of your actions. {This tape will self-destruct in five seconds|Please dispose of this tape in the usual manner}. Good luck, {Dan|Jim}.

The Secretary, as Person on the Tape, in Mission: Impossible (TV series)

We'll never get anywhere with self-destruct messages. And the problem with "parallel societies" such as he advocates, is that they very often are undefended. This invites conventional combat attack, for which *CNAV* does not believe Torba has prepared. (For all that he allows sales of firearms and ammunition on his Marketplace.)

Redemption of the social media space *is* still possible – and while it remains possible, it must remain a definite objective.

The legal theater in 2023

By far the most important theater of the Culture War in 2023 will be the *legal* theater. *CNAV* <u>talked about this before</u>, and it bears repeating. The political left opened a theater in the courts in the last century. Their victories in that theater transformed this country into the

decadent and even Satanic society it has now become. And *CNAV* talked about *that* before, in its <u>retrospective</u> on the close of the 2021 Supreme Court Term. The left achieved its most outrageous victory in 2015: <u>Obergefell v. Hodges</u>.

Nor, *CNAV* maintains, did the Left shun Justicial murder. Four years ago *CNAV* laid out the <u>evidence</u> demanding an investigation the FBI refused to lay on. Evidence, that is, that the left had Antonin Scalia murdered, to pave the way for Merrick Garland. But the left did not get Merrick Garland onto the Court. Mitch McConnell, in a rare moment of clarity, refused to hear his confirmation. Donald Trump won the Election of 2016. And Donald Trump nominated Neil Gorsuch. Who, if not exactly as good a legal mind as was Scalia, is at least *simpatico* with Scalia's Justicial philosophy. Subsequently Trump placed Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett on the Bench of Benches.

Moving forward

The 2021 Term was a watershed that now allows conservatives to press forward immediately on three fronts, toward:

- 1. An absolute <u>right to life</u>, from the moment of conception, with *one* exception, which our medical science should obviate,
- 2. The right of the people to keep and bear arms, and arm themselves at least as well as, or better than, the infantry, and:
- 3. Abolishing the atheistic model of elementary, middle and high-school classroom instruction.

This last is critical. As important as is the election to Boards of Education of members who are *simpatico* not only with parental rights but also with resuming *moral* instruction, such Boards can do nothing of the sort under the regime of decisions like <u>Everson v. BoEd. of</u> <u>Ewing, McCollum v. BoEd. of S.D. 71, Engel v. Vitale, Abingdon S.D. v. Schempp</u>, and <u>Lemon v. Kurtzman</u>. Now, with the decisions in <u>Kennedy v. Bremerton School District</u> and <u>Carson v. Makin</u>, perhaps they can. But we must press those points. If "justice delayed is justice denied," then justice never asked for is also justice denied.

And make no mistake. Only if sympathetic Boards can *explicitly restore* Godly classroom instruction can they *remove* the *Satanic* instruction that now prevails. That includes material in *elementary school libraries* that ought to be for *adults only*. Let the denizens of the left spare the comparisons to the dystopia in Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*. Those same voices directed the State actor censorship of social media since 2018.

On gun control

Restoration of Godly instruction will inevitably lead to recognition of an absolute right to life. Why? Because the right to life follows directly from the Law, Prophets, and Writings that Christians call "The Old Testament." (And anyone pretending to follow that Law, Prophets and Writings, who *doesn't* understand that, is burning incense on the high places, or even advocating sacrificing children to Molech!)

Gun control has its own enabling precedent the Court still hasn't struck down: <u>US v. Miller</u>. Gun control stands because the "Miller" in that case was nowhere to be found when the United States government petitioned for review of an appellate ruling in Miller's favor. *So gun control stands by default.* It's time to revisit that precedent. And the only way to do that might be to violate directly the National Firearms Act, then sue it away. This is how people have gotten rid of *every* unconstitutional act: violate, then invalidate. That indeed might be the only method our courts recognize. That takes alimentary, even gonadal, fortitude – and unflinching resolve.

Beyond that, the Supreme Court already has cases on its docket either scheduled for oral argument or submitted after it. These cases involve representation in Congress, reverse discrimination, the Biden student loan forgiveness program, and immigration law. All will come to decisions in 2023. Watch for them. Furthermore, a "JAG Corps" must stand ready to challenge *every* act or Executive Order that violates the Constitution in any way. Justice never asked for is justice denied.

To victory in 2023

These, then, are the marching orders for conservatives in the United States for 2023. The ground we take this year will bring larger social redemption much closer. That includes carving out a legal space for the remnant to withdraw from certain institutions, so we can replace them.

2022 showed the strength the enemy still has in some institutions. They include:

- Clerkships and boards of elections in "blue" States and counties,
- Colleges, universities, and high, middle and elementary "public schools," and
- Conventional medicine.

We now have several openings to make inroads into, or take over, the most vital institutions that affect people's lives. But openings do nothing by themselves; we must use them. This will allow redemption to come as swiftly as a single generation, if we press hard enough.