



Letters To The Editor

Shutting Down Churches

My husband, Judge Roy Moore, receives The New American and agrees wholeheartedly with your viewpoints. A recent article entitled "Pandemic Response Makes Liberty Sick in the States" (June 8 issue) reflects a position being litigated in a recent case that he has filed against the governor and various officials in Louisiana for their attempt to shut down Pastor Tony Spell and Life Tabernacle Church in Louisiana. The article was written by Steve Byas.

Because not many organizations for religious freedom take principled approaches to the deprivation of constitutional rights, Judge Moore thought that your organization would be interested in knowing that he and the Foundation for Moral Law, which represents Pastor Spell, have maintained the separation of powers, right of assembly, religious freedom, and separation of church and state as envisioned by our Founding Fathers. We have sued both in state and federal district court in Louisiana, and in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

We are preparing to request a hearing "en banc" on a preliminary denial of our request for injunctive relief.

We maintain that no authority has the right to stop church assembly and that the Louisiana governor and subordinate officials have acted in violation of both the U.S. and Louisiana Constitutions.

Kayla Moore, president Foundation for Moral Law
Sent via e-mail

Black Lives in America

A while back I had some work done in my yard and I selected a man who had done some work for my daughter and son-in-law. I was there when their work was done, and I was impressed with his skills, abilities, and attitude. When he arrived at my house that day, I noticed that he was and I smiled broadly when he arrived. I hadn't noticed his race when he did the work at their house. The only thing I remembered was the manner in which the work had been done. What was done at our home was done in the same manner. When you cease to recognize someone's it is when you know racial balance has been achieved. George Floyd's death was tragic. The manner in which he died was heinous, and justice should be served to fit the horrendous nature of that crime. But as a result, extremists are seeking to eliminate law enforcement. There are no professions that don't have individuals who are unqualified. In fact, it's likely there are more unqualified politicians than there are qualified.

Our focus needs to be on removing the unqualified, not removing a profession. Peaceful demonstrations that support justice for George Floyd's death are healthy actions that seek change. The minute that a demonstration becomes a riot it needs to be stopped. Two wrongs do not make a right. Rioting is not new. Riots broke out in Washington, D.C., at the end of WWI. Army troops were sent in to quell the riots. One riot was quelled by a cavalry unit, and the rioters disbursed rapidly. This was confirmed by my father, who was in that unit. He indicated that they moved to the rioters on horseback with sabers drawn. The



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disturbance was over in 20 minutes, and no one on either side was seriously injured. When lawlessness is met with strength and resolve, it is put to rest quickly.

Despite the fact that numerous blacks have gained respect through showing they are equal to or better than those who would stand in their way, many want preferential treatment. Preferential treatment says, "You aren't capable of doing it on your own. We have to make exceptions for you!" We become enablers, and the negative effects of enabling are well known. Preferences also allow the manipulation of segments of society. Our founding documents state that all men are created equal. When anyone is accorded special treatment, whether it is for good or bad, it defies the intent of those words. The key to unity and justice is for all individuals to be able to play on a level playing field. That, and only that, should be the thrust of our efforts.

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