

America's Broken Moral Compass Sending Nation in Wrong Direction

As if proof was necessary, a recent Gallup Poll showed that Americans are holding more permissive views than ever on a variety of cultural and societal issues.

According to Gallup, Americans continue to express an increasingly liberal outlook on what is morally acceptable, with views on several moral issues the most left-leaning they have been to date. The percentages of U.S. adults who believe birth control, divorce, sex between unmarried people, gay or lesbian relations, having a baby outside of marriage, doctor-assisted suicide, pornography and polygamy are morally acceptable practices have tied record highs or set new ones this year.

Religion and culture expert, author and national host Dr. Alex McFarland () discussed these findings and what they mean for both Christians and citizens, on the new *Stand in the Gap* TV program from the American Pastors Network (APN), which considers transcending cultural issues, seemingly difficult to navigate, from a biblical worldview perspective.

McFarland talked with hosts Sam Rohrer, APN president, and Isaac Crockett, a Millennial pastor, about these dramatic moral changes in the culture and how people are viewing the most basic of moral issues.

"This concerns me deeply both as a Christian and as a citizen," McFarland said. "The abandonment of the belief in moral truth should be concerning for all Christians, because people can't be saved unless they recognize their own sin, and know they are guilty in the eyes of God, that they need forgiveness and are willing to repent—that is, turn from sin

to Christ. It's concerning to citizens because the abandonment of morality and the insistence on a moral vacuum endangers the future of our U.S. Constitution, and therefore, endangers our rights and liberties."

McFarland, Rohrer and Crockett focused on the topic of "America's Moral Compass" for the past two Sundays. The program airs each Sunday at 3 p.m. on WBPH-TV60, a station in the Philadelphia market that reaches a potential of 7 million viewers by cable, DirecTV, Dish Network, off-air antenna and online. The show will re-air at 8 p.m. July 2 and at 7:30 p.m. July 5. Watch "America's Moral Compass: Broken or Discarded?" – Part I and "America's Moral Compass: Broken or Discarded?" – Part II.

"Can the nation survive in an absence of a defined moral standard?" McFarland asked. "And who defines the morality? The United States absolutely does have an identifiable moral standard that was the impetus for the American Revolution, the philosophy behind the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the U.S. Constitution, and all throughout our history. And it's not hard to find the moral basis of America. It's not pragmatism, the popular opinion or corporate America—no, the moral standard of our country has always been that objective, moral knowledge that all humans really do know.

"And as a distinction," McFarland continued, "religion and morality are two different things. Religion is how you do church or synagogue or worship. The First Amendment is very clear that the government will not establish a national religion. Part of what makes our present age so tenuous and dicey, and frankly, our freedoms are in a very fragile position, is because many people—in academia, media, pop culture—assume and assert that if you invoke morality, you have established religion. That is not the case. But as for the moral standard—the Founding Fathers and America's leaders have cited it, were willing to die for it, appealed to it and

invoked it—it's the Judeo-Christian moral code. Not that anyone invented it, but that everyone knows and recognizes that God's epistemology is the moral standard written on the heart of all people."

By delving into these and other topics, *Stand in the Gap* TV seeks to bring clarity to cultural confusion and makes sense of the nonsense around us. The show focuses on the root problems of our nation and applies biblical principles so God's people can know the truth. Check the WBPH listings for more information on how to watch *Stand in the Gap* TV, learn more about the program [here](#) or view a promo for the show [here](#).