

Christians Can and Should Sway 2016 Election

In the days leading up to the Iowa Caucuses and the New Hampshire Primary, it was clear that pastors were heeding the call to encourage a strong evangelical Christian turnout.

It is also clear that turnout helped spur the record turnout numbers seen in both of the first two early voting states. And with South Carolina—a state where committed Christians make up nearly two-thirds of active voters—about to go to the polls, Christian apologetics expert Dr. Alex McFarland says the influence and standing of evangelical voters really shouldn't come as a surprise at all.

“Evangelical voters are still the largest and most reliable voter bloc,” he said. “The collective church has the power to elect the nation's next president—and that's a fact.”

McFarland said the more the faithful speak their minds at the polls, the better chance they have of seeing a values-driven leader at our nation's helm. He also noted the issues important to evangelical voters—religious liberty, life, marriage and foreign policy—have become the hot-button issues for this election.

“No longer can the faithful remain silent when it comes to the leadership of our country,” he said. “The evidence of taking a back seat in politics is clear; no longer can we sit idly as constitutional, foundational and biblical principles are swept under the rug.”

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