

Franklin Graham: Response Differences to Vegas Shooting Noticeable for Trump, Clinton

Evangelist Franklin Graham says the difference in reactions to the Las Vegas shooting tragedy between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump reveals a great deal about the agenda of each politician.

“It is impossible not to notice the difference in response to the crisis of the Las Vegas shooting massacre,” Graham said on Facebook. “Hillary immediately—and ineffectively—tried to make it about gun control, her agenda. President Trump brought comfort from God’s Word and pointed America to the importance of prayer. I’m thankful millions noticed the difference.”

In a speech Monday, Trump conveyed these words:

Scripture teaches us the Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit (Ps. 34:18). We seek comfort in those words, for we know that God lives in the hearts of those who grieve.

To the wounded who are now recovering in hospitals, we are praying for your full and speedy recovery, and pledge to you our support from this day forward ... We pray for the entire nation to find unity and peace, and we pray for the day when evil is banished and the innocent are safe from hatred and from fear ... May God bless the souls of the lives that are lost, may God give us the grace of healing and may God provide the grieving families with strength to carry on.

In sharp contrast, Clinton, on Twitter, made it a priority to criticize the National Rifle Association while briefly mentioning concern for the victims. Nearly 60 were killed and

more than 500 people were wounded in the attack on a country music concert in Las Vegas Sunday night.

“Our grief isn’t enough. We can and must put politics aside, stand up to the NRA and work together to try to stop this from happening again.”

Clinton had nearly the same reaction two years ago when Chris Harper-Mercer fatally shot an assistant professor and eight students in a classroom at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon.

“What is wrong with us that we cannot stand up to the NRA and gun lobby, and the gun manufacturers they represent,” Clinton told *Time* magazine in Oct. 2015. “This is not just tragic. We don’t just need to pray for people. We need to act, and we need to build a movement. It’s infuriating.” {eo}