

Is Rex Tillerson President-Elect Trump's First 'Clunker'?

On Cabinet appointments, Donald Trump was doing great until yesterday when he laid the proverbial egg by nominating ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson as his secretary of state.

The secretary of state represents the United States and its values and interests to the rest of the world. As the one who speaks for the president on matters of international affairs, it is absolutely crucial that the man who holds this office will be fronting the principles on which America was founded and which have made America the most powerful, prosperous, and free nation in world history.

The values that made America what she became do not include dismembering babies in the womb and celebrating sexually deviant behavior.

As George Washington observed in his farewell address:

Of all the dispositions and habits, which lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens. The mere Politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. And let us with caution indulge the supposition, that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect, that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.

By "Religion," Washington meant Christianity, and by "Morality," he meant the Ten Commandments. These are "indispensable supports," which means you cannot do without them. They are not elective courses in public policy but required ones. It's not possible, Washington said, to have a politically prosperous nation without a vibrant, robust Christian faith and a shared conviction that the standards of morality enshrined in the Ten Commandments represent a guide for conduct superior to any other.

Simply put, a Christian nation will be a moral nation, and a moral nation will be prosperous. You cannot have the third of these without the first two. This is the ultimate lesson of the American political experiment for the nations around the globe: If you want to have what America has had, we say to the world, this is where you have to start.

And who doesn't want to have what America has had? That's why people are trying by the millions to sneak into this country while we are not trying to sneak into theirs.

Further, Washington said, a man cannot call himself a patriot unless he affirms and upholds Christianity and the Ten Commandments as the two "great pillars of human happiness." Whatever else we may want a secretary of state to be, surely we want a man who is a true patriot.

Two of the 10 values etched in stone in the decalogue are the sanctity of all human life ("Thou shalt not murder") and the sanctity of natural marriage ("Thou shalt not commit adultery").

Unfortunately, Rex Tillerson fails the test on both counts. As FRC's Tony Perkins said, Tillerson may be "the greatest ally liberals have in the Cabinet for their abortion and LGBT agendas."

ExxonMobil, under Tillerson's leadership, gives boatloads of money directly to Planned Parenthood, which destroys over

330,000 innocent helpless babies every year and was exposed last year as an organization which shamelessly profits from its butchery by selling body parts of dead babies to the highest bidder.

Further, Tillerson led the charge to pressure the Boy Scouts of America to allow open homosexuals to serve as scout masters. According to the *Dallas Morning News*, "Tillerson was instrumental in lobbying the Scouts' board to accept openly gay youths." The BSA says, ""He was instrumental in leading the organization through an important period of growth and development." This was the period which culminated in allowing adult homosexuals—who are predisposed to pedophilia in alarming numbers—to serve as Scout leaders for impressionable (and vulnerable) teenage boys.

We have endured eight years of an administration that has promoted and protected abortion and sexually deviant behavior not only in America but around the world. There is no way on earth we should accept another four to eight years of the same kind of irresponsible and reckless moral leadership on the international stage.

To this point, I have been quite happy with Trump's cabinet picks. But this choice is a clunker. Bottom line: Rex Tillerson is not qualified to serve this nation as secretary of state. {eoa}

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