

Who Is Mike Pence's Prayer Warrior?

Occasionally, the liberal mainstream media isn't out to destroy someone who opposes its agenda.

Such was the case Wednesday when *The Washington Post's* Ashley Parker published a largely complimentary article about Vice President Mike Pence's "prayer warrior"—his wife, Karen. The second lady didn't participate in an interview for the article, but it appears that a number of people from her life did.

And what they shared should be an encouragement to evangelicals who supported the Trump-Pence campaign during the 2016 presidential election. Parker wrote, in part:

During the first of Vice President Pence's two unsuccessful races for Congress, he rode a single-speed bicycle more than 250 miles around his district, much of it accompanied by his wife, Karen, along for the journey.

During their time in the Indiana governor's mansion, the Pences installed twin treadmills upstairs in their residence.

And during his years as a House member in Washington, after he had finally won on his third attempt, Mike Pence proudly displayed an antique red phone on his desk—a Christmas gift from his wife for which only she had the number, a hotline straight from her to him.

More than a decade later, even as cell phones were the norm, Mike Pence had that same red phone installed in his statehouse office—a reminder, both physical and symbolic, of the direct and enduring connection between Mike and Karen Pence.

Now, as second lady, Karen Pence, 60, remains an important influence on one of President Trump's most important political allies. She sat in on at least one interview as the vice president assembled his staff, accompanied her husband on his first foreign trip and joins him for off-the-record briefings with reporters, acting as his gut check and shield.

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