

Why Everything Is on the Line for Christians in 2020 Election

Leftists have taken over the Democratic Party, and their frightening vision for America is fueling their radical agenda. In 2019 when the nice-sounding Equality Act was proposed in Congress, almost every Democrat backed it, even though it reached far beyond equality for alternative lifestyles that until recently were considered perverted (and that Christians believe are against God's Word). The law would have forced these new definitions of sexual preference on all Americans, including churches, with penalties and jail sentences for those who opposed it. Thank God it failed to pass.

Not surprisingly, the Equality Act received the backing of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi as well as former vice president Joe Biden, who said on June 1, 2019, during his campaign for president that the Equality Act would be "the first thing [he asks] to be done." The Democrats failed to pass the law this time, but what happens if they regain power? That's what is at stake with the 2020 election, like it or not.

Ralph Reed sees the situation as being even more serious. "For the Christian community pretty much everything is on the line. Whether it's religious freedom or support for Israel or America withdrawing from the Iran nuclear deal, the life issue or the future of the courts—if there is a Democrat elected president in 2020, they're going to reverse everything President Trump has done."

On top of that, he believes Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who will be 87 when the 2020 presidential election takes place, will wait to resign until after the election, hoping a new Democratic

president will nominate a liberal, pro-abortion, anti-religious-freedom justice to the Supreme Court. If that happens, "that justice will sit on that court for 30 to 40 years and make it very difficult for us to have the kind of true conservative majority we'd like to have," Reed told me in a recent podcast interview. "They hate Trump. They loathe his agenda. Frankly, they disdain us and our biblical values, and they're opposed to our socially conservative-issues agenda."

In Reed's opinion the 2020 presidential election will be a "close, hard-fought and very competitive contest." He believes President Trump is well positioned for reelection by historic terms. He has no war or foreign policy crisis. He is an incumbent. He has a united party. He will have no significant primary opposition. He also has one of the strongest economies in the post-World War II history of our country, with 3.7% unemployment, 2.6% GDP growth and gross domestic income growing at about 4% a year. Plus, the stock market is up overall. "These are all good things, so he'll be a very strong and formidable candidate as an incumbent," Reed said.

"I think the center of gravity in the Democratic Party has shifted to the extreme left," Reed said. "The energy, the activism, the excitement and intensity are over there now, and I think Pelosi is going to have a hard time containing the swamp fevers of this radicalism and impeachment agenda, and I firmly think the Democratic nominee, whoever they are, is going to have a hard time staying in the center. I think they've kind of lost their bearings a bit. It remains to be seen how that will impact 2020."

In 2018, Reed's organization, Faith and Freedom Coalition, distributed 30 million voter guides to more than 100,000 churches and mailed out about 13.4 million pieces of voter education material. The group also sent out 32 million digital advertisements on Facebook and other social media platforms and knocked on 2 million doors, including 300,000 doors in Florida alone. The group hopes to double that in 2020. The

plan is to knock on the doors of 4 million evangelical and Christian voters and hand them voter literature that doesn't tell them whom to vote for but lays out the issues.

"I'm not a prophet," Reed continued, "but I think what you saw in 2018 is what we'll likely see in 2020—a very high turnout by historic standards. And I think our people are coming too. Certainly if I have anything to say about it, they will. We're certainly going to do our job." {eo}

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