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## **President's Report**

*Josh CruverKibi*

### **Existential Isolation and the Dread of Individual Autonomy**

Are we alone in the Universe? What does it mean to feel existentially isolated despite having relationships with others? Is avoiding perceptions of isolation worth giving up autonomy, freewill, and individuality to the authorities and structures of our society?

Existential isolation is the conscious awareness of the gulf between perceptions of oneself and the perceptions of others (Corsini & Wedding, 2011). This creates a perception of dread, like the existential dreads for freedom, personal responsibility, purpose and meaning, and mortality, that it is inevitable for certain ideas to be in flux throughout our lives and may never be known for certain. We are forced to balance the tension between desperately wanting and trying to make connections with others, and the nagging dread that we can still perceive ourselves alone at times despite our efforts (Corsini & Wedding, 2011).

We are also perpetually fighting for our freedom and autonomy from the societal authority structures and pressures throughout our lives, while never really knowing exactly what will feel freeing and autonomous. Fyodor Dostoyevsky wrote about this struggle for autonomy and dread of self-examination while being pulled and pressured by societal imperatives in his short story, *Notes from the Underground*, "I am alone and they are everyone." The inability for the individual to predict or measure all outcomes is the crux of both existential dread and essence of freewill. Freewill is intentionally choosing, even when we are not able to perceive the outcome of our choices. We may intentionally choose our current logic, ethics code, moral conclusion, etc...., over our strong emotional feelings, societal or authority pressures, or even choosing an action that could lead to danger and death.

Some have argued that we do not have freewill due to comparing existential perception to physics equations or deductive verbal philosophical authority arguments. The cognitive logic that we do not have freewill is quite consequential. If we accept the deterministic logic that there is no freewill, or we have no autonomy to choose, if we cognitively submit to the authority of others, we are what Erich Fromm refers to as an automaton.

"By conforming with the expectations of others, by not being different, these doubts about one's identity are silenced and a certain security is gained. However, the price paid is high. Giving up spontaneity and individuality results in a thwarting of life. Psychologically the automaton, while being alive biologically, is dead emotionally and mentally. While he goes through the motions of living, his life runs through his hands like sand (Fromm, 1941)".

Yes, there are deductive arguments, absolute observable measurements, and facts, such as math and physics. However, subjective perceptions are not currently measurable at the accuracy of physics

applications. And deductions are only as good as the discipline of the user at setting accurate premises. Freewill is an act of autonomy using what limited perceptions we have in the moment and environment. Existential psychology is also sensitive to the absurdity of giving labels without accurate measurements which tends to have a dehumanizing effect on people (Corsini & Wedding, 2011). Regarding perceptions of isolation, in a society that may never recognize, accept, or understand us as individuals, we should explore and embrace what autonomy we can discover about ourselves. "The rights to express our thoughts," "means something only if we are able to have thoughts of our own; freedom from external authority is a lasting gain only if the inner psychological conditions are such that we are able to establish our own individuality." (Fromm 1941).

Our perceived connections with others and interpretations of who we are, relative to the pressures of the external environment, will be a perpetual struggle throughout our lives. While we try to find our place and autonomy within the limits of perceived reality, there will be external authorities trying to sell solutions, short cuts, and ways of avoiding feelings of dread. You will have to ask yourself, does the dread of feeling alone or personally responsible for all your decisions compel you to forgo your autonomy for the perceived structure that an external authority provides? Or do you embrace and face the perception of isolation and uncertainty that exists outside of groupthink? Will you grow more as an autonomous individual and be more cognitively equipped to identify quality relationships in your life by facing the unknown and dread? Is Dostoyevsky right in his conclusion about autonomy, "I have only in my life carried to an extreme what you have not dared to carry halfway, and what's more, you have taken your cowardice for good sense, and have found comfort in deceiving yourselves. So that perhaps, after all, there is more life in me than in you."

Corsini, R. & Wedding, D. (2011). *Current Psychotherapies, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Brooks/Cole Cengage learning.  
Dostoyevsky, F. (1864). *Notes from the Underground*. Digireads.com Publishing.  
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## What refutes science:

-Better science

## What doesn't refute science:

-Your feelings

-Your religion

-Your favorite politician

-Your half-baked opinion

after watching two YouTube  
videos

***Atheist News in Pennsylvania– The Nation – The World!***



**Real Alternatives? Not Really**

Pennsylvania will no longer provide financial support through the state budget to Real Alternatives, an anti-abortion nonprofit that claims it provides “pregnancy and parenting support services,” reports phillyvoice.com.

The state had provided funding to Real Alternatives for 30 years. Between 2012 and 2017 alone, the organization received \$30 million, according to the Penn Capital-Star.

Real Alternatives encourages childbirth and adoption, and works with crisis pregnancy centers, maternity homes and other groups that agree with its views; for example, its only counselor in Philadelphia is Catholic Social Services.

Dr. Val Arkoosh, secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, and Gov. Josh Shapiro both released statements that made clear that Real Alternatives’ funding was being stopped because of its opposition to abortion. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists opposed funding Real Alternatives because of its support of crisis pregnancy centers, which the professional organization says, “represent themselves as legitimate reproductive health care clinics” but “actually aim to dissuade people from accessing certain types of reproductive health care, including abortion care and even contraceptive options.” The article went on to state that the staffs of crisis pregnancy centers are often not medical professionals, and continued that “extensive reporting suggests” the organizations mislead patients about abortion side effects. In addition, Pennsylvania is one of only nine states that use funds from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to support anti-abortion groups; Real Alternatives has received \$1 million each year from TANF since 2001.

In 2017, Real Alternatives filed suit to avoid disclosing its expenditures, leading the then-Auditor General, Eugene DePasquale, to say “The idea that any organization receiving public funds would hide behind the courts to keep taxpayers in the dark makes my blood boil.”

In 2021 the Women’s Law Project released a study that claimed about 17% of Pennsylvania’s crisis pregnancy centers were funded by Real Alternatives, and that 63% of them made inaccurate medical claims. Ending funding to Real Alternatives won’t completely stop crisis pregnancy centers, but it’s a start.

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**Ignorance Can Be Expensive**

A man has won a \$3.5 million settlement from the Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, according to the Catholic News Agency, catholicnewsagency.com. He accused a now-deceased priest of raping him about 17 years ago, but that’s not what his suit was about. He claims that abuse allegations about this priest had been made with the church before he was attacked, and the church took no action. If it had, the priest would not have been around to rape him.

The lawsuit claims in 2006 Monsignor John Close heard the boy's confession. Per CNN.com, the priest told him he needed to be cleansed and raped him. Afterwards Close told him he would go to hell if he said anything.

In the 1990s, another man claimed Close abused him in 1969, but the archdiocese said it could not substantiate the claim, and Close remained an active priest.

In 2011, Close was placed on administrative leave when there was yet another sexual claim against him, dating from the 1990s.



Again, the church said that it could not substantiate the allegations, and Close went back to his priestly duties. He finally retired in 2012.

The lawsuit accused the archdiocese of knowing of 2 sexual abuse reports against Close prior to 2006. The archdiocese did not report the allegations to the police or remove the priest from ministry. The archdiocese admits to receiving one allegation, in 2004, about an incident in the late 1960s. The accusation was investigated by a former FBI agent, the archdiocese said, and found to be unsubstantiated.

By the way, the archdiocese has stated that no funds will be taken from the Catholic Charities Appeal, the Seminary Appeal, or other donor-designated funds to pay the settlement. Catholic donors don't like their contributions to respectable Catholic causes being used to pay off abuse allocations. Concern about how contributions are used has had an effect on fund-raising.

The lawsuit notes that Close was a priest in good standing at the time of his death.

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### Fighting the Good Fight

PANViews has reported before about Oklahoma's establishment of the nation's first religious public charter school, St. Isidore of Seville Catholic Virtual School.

The secular community is taking action. Americans United for the Separation of Church and State and the Freedom From Religion Foundation are part of a coalition representing nine Oklahoma residents and a pro-public school nonprofit in filing a lawsuit challenging the legality of a religious public charter.

FFRF.org reports that the plaintiffs are a mixture of religious leaders, public school parents and advocates who see the obvious: a so-called public school that will discriminate against students and families based on their religion or LGBTQ status, will not serve all disabled students who apply, and will promote one particular religion, is a violation of the separation of church and state.

From Cheryl Huber, PAN Florida



The lawsuit outlines the specific issues as follows:

- St. Isidore will be required to conform to Catholic religious beliefs. Students could be denied admission because they or their family members are LGBTQ or belong to a different faith.
- St. Isidore “reserves the right” to discriminate against disabled children and has not shown that it will be able to provide adequate services to disabled children.
- St. Isidore will espouse the Catholic religion. The school’s application, quoted in the lawsuit, says the school will “participate in the evangelizing mission of the [Catholic] Church” and will fully incorporate the Church’s teachings “into every aspect of the School,” including “all subjects” taught and all activities offered.

- The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City will be in charge of the school. This violates regulations that state charter schools must be independent of its “educational management organization.”

It’s disheartening, and more than a little scary, that a charter school like St. Isidore’s could be approved.

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### Suffer the Little Children. Literally.

How far will religionists go in excusing behavior that seems inexcusable to the rest of us? Well, several states in the US allow faith healing, under the guise of religious practice, to excuse parents who don’t let their children receive medical treatment – even when it results in the children’s death.

According to InvestigateWest, invw.org, two religions are primarily responsible for letting children die: Followers of Christ, and Christian Science. Linda Martin, a former Follower of Christ church member in Idaho, grew up believing only prayers were necessary to treat health issues. She has files describing the deaths of members’ children: a 2-year-old whose feet swelled because of a fever caused by strep pneumonia, which killed her after 6 weeks. There’s a baby who died because of a colon problem surgery could have fixed. And she has files of many, many stillbirths. Martin hopes to use this information to make substituting faith healing for medical treatment illegal in Idaho. So far, she’s not made much progress.

Martin filed a complaint with the Idaho attorney general about the discovery, in 2017, of the graves of an outsized number of children in a Followers of Christ graveyard in Idaho’s Canyon County. She claimed the coroner did not report the deaths to law enforcement, as Idaho law requires.

The attorney general wasn’t interested. Deaths are supposed to be referred to law enforcement if the death was not attended by a physician, and if the cause can’t be certified by a physician. Obviously, no doctor had been anywhere near these children’s deaths, but the attorney general claimed that Martin didn’t show that doctors couldn’t have certified them. Therefore, no violation of the law, or even a “potential” violation of the law, had been established, so the attorney general had no authority to look into the situation.

The article notes that lots of states have a degree of legal protection for those who substitute faith healing for real health care. But Idaho's laws are especially loose. It's one of the few states that will not charge parents with felonies even if their children die of treatable illnesses. In addition, Idaho has a large contingent of Followers of Christ, which has led to large number of deaths.

There have been many attempts to remove the faith-healing exemption, but Idaho politicians, citing religious freedom and parental rights, are uninterested. The arguments over parental rights during the pandemic only made the politicians less likely to change the law.

Washington, usually regarded as a fairly liberal state, hasn't been able to change the state's religious exemptions for abuse or neglect.

It specified children or "vulnerable adults" receiving Christian Science treatments (Christian Science is specifically named) aren't considered abused or neglected, even if the treatment leads to death. Proponents for the elimination of the exemption had been optimistic that a proposed change would get through the legislature, but the pandemic arguments over parental control of children's health care appear to have stalled the legislation.

People who support the status quo point out it allows Christian Scientists to live according to their religious beliefs, and that there have been "thousands" of healings due to Christian Science prayers. The religion claims it does not forbid members to go to doctors.

Oregon has taken a stronger stand. It ended its religious exemption for faith healers in 2011 in cases of homicide, or criminal mistreatment of children. There is a significant Followers of Christ community there, and several parents from that sect have been convicted. A bill was introduced this year that would have allowed faith-based healthcare to be prosecuted if it constituted a "clear and present danger" to the child.

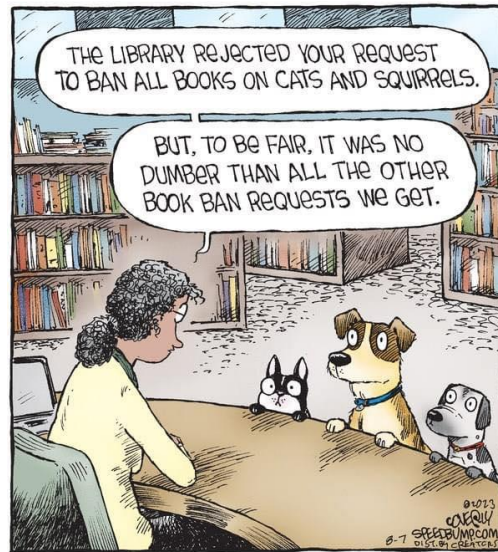
Religious exemptions in general aren't relics from the bad old days. Most of them date from the mid-1970s. In 1974 Congress passed the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, which included a faith-healing exemption. States were required to pass similar exemptions to receive federal funds. This requirement was later rescinded, and most states repealed their religious exemptions. But not all.

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## War Between Religions

The Ukraine war is being fought between churches, too. The primary religion there is Orthodox Christianity. However, in 2018 the Orthodox Church in Ukraine received separate status from the Russian Orthodox Church. According to the *New York Times*, [nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com), Ukraine is working to rid itself of Russian cultural influences and a branch of the Orthodox Church that still has ties to the Russian Orthodox Church has become a target.

The situation is exacerbated by the enthusiasm Patriarch Kirill, leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, has for Vladimir Putin. Kirill has supported Moscow's view that Ukraine is culturally Russian, which is one of Putin's justifications for the invasion. The church has claimed that it doesn't support the war and is in fact being unjustly persecuted. But one of the vicars of the Russian church in Ukraine undercut that claim by writing an angry letter to Kirill after Russian missiles damaged a large Orthodox Church, the Odesa



Transfiguration Cathedral. The letter said, in part, “your bishops and priests consecrate and bless the tanks and rockets that bomb our peaceful cities.”



There is a bill in Ukraine’s Parliament that would outlaw religious organizations supported by a religious body from a state that has attacked Ukraine. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has spoken in favor of the bill, which everyone knows is directed at the Russian Orthodox Church. The government has ordered the Russian church’s priests and monks to vacate Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, Monastery of the Caves, one of the holiest sites in Eastern Orthodox religion. Regional parliaments and local governments have revoked leases to government-owned church buildings; more than 1,500 local churches have switched allegiance to the Ukrainian national church. Some of the priests have switched allegiance, too, but others have lost their positions.

The article describes the conflict specifically in the village of Blystavytsya. It is located near a military airport, which the Russian army wanted to seize early in the war. Russian soldiers shelled and then occupied the village. The villagers hid for two weeks. Approximately 22 villagers died, while about the same number are missing. After the soldiers left, churchgoers in the village voted the pastor of the local Russian Orthodox priest out. He still lives in the village, but now rarely leaves home. He conducts services in his home for the few villagers who want to attend them and is suing to get his job back.

Patriarch Kirill is undeterred. The atlanticouncil.org quotes a sermon he gave where he addressed charges that Russian soldiers were committing war crimes in the Ukraine. “The Church realizes that if someone, driven by a sense of duty and the need to honor his oath, stays loyal to his vocation and dies while carrying out his military duty, then he is without any doubt doing a deed that is equal to sacrifice. He sacrifices himself for others. And therefore, we believe that this sacrifice washes away all the sins that a person has committed.”

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### Women in Israel

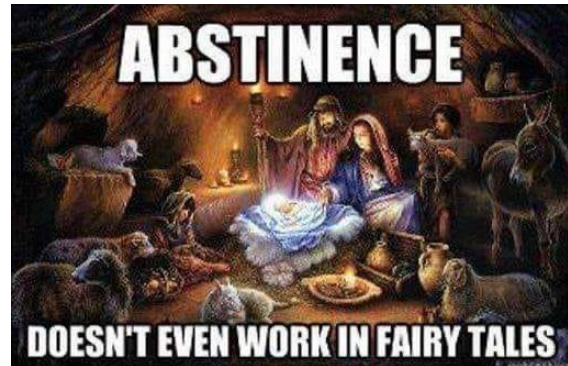
Over the last few years, ultra-Orthodox Jews in Israel have become increasingly powerful. According to the New York *Times*, nytimes.com, they are particularly interested in the rights of women. The latest battle is taking place in a way that brings back unpleasant memories for the US. They’re forcing women to sit in the back of public buses.

The Israel Supreme Court has ruled women cannot be required to sit in separate sections on buses and trains. Ultra-Orthodox women generally board buses through the rear door and sit in the back. Now bus drivers, and sometimes ultra-Orthodox male passengers, force all women to go to the rear. There are multiple reports of women being told to “cover up” when they are wearing normal, warm-weather clothes. These incidents seem to have increased since Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu included extremist right-wing and ultra-Orthodox parties in his governing coalition late last year.

Netanyahu has pandered to his ultra-Orthodox allies in several ways. There have been proposals to segregate audiences by sex at some public events, to create new religious residential communities, and to allow businesses to refuse to provide services based on the business owner’s religious beliefs. The ultra-Orthodox also want to expand the jurisdiction of the all-male rabbinical courts. Although some conservative women agree with this agenda, the expansion of the rabbinical courts is led by two ultra-Orthodox parties – which don’t allow women to run for office. These two parties are ignoring a 2019

Supreme Court ruling that said the parties could no longer bar women. As a result, there are fewer women in government than there were a year ago.

Israel is still a majority secular country, and the media has been full of stories about discrimination against women. Bus drivers in the cities of Tel Aviv and Eilat have refused to pick up young women wearing crop tops or workout clothes. A group of ultra-Orthodox men in Bnei Brak blocked the road to stop a public bus because a woman was driving. Israel requires emergency medical and disaster service training as part of a national service requirement.



Men and women are now segregated during the academic part of the training. A spokesman said this was done because many of the students are religious but emphasized that clinical training will be in mixed sex settings, and that of course paramedics must provide help to anyone who needs it. Small public colleges with ultra-Orthodox students have started segregating classes by sex, as do some drivers' education and government training courses, and some public libraries have started holding separate hours for girls and boys.

Members of Bonot Alternativa, a pro-democracy group that is also a nonpartisan umbrella group of women's organizations, have begun attending weekly antigovernment protests dressed in the scarlet robes and white wimples of the powerless women in Margaret Atwood's "The Handmaid's Tale." The ultra-Orthodox Shas party, part of Netanyahu's coalition, proposed a bill that would jail women for 6 months if they visited the Western Wall in Jerusalem, a holy site, in immodest clothing. (Defined by whom?) The bill caused so much controversy that it was dropped, but the coalition had other ideas. Feminine nouns are no longer allowed in advertisements for civil service jobs, even though Hebrew has specific male and female forms for job titles. A law requiring electronic monitoring of men with restraining orders because of domestic violence was weakened so that it only applies to men who are considered an immediate threat or have a criminal record.

Netanyahu's attempt to weaken Israel's Supreme Court has caused enormous controversy. Women and their advocates are especially concerned, because the Supreme Court has supported equal rights for women, made it easier to sue over unequal pay, and overturned the army's ban on female fighter pilots. And, of course, it ruled that sex segregation on public transportation is illegal.

The court did allow sex segregation in undergraduate college classes, but that was done as part of an effort to encourage ultra-Orthodox men to get an education and a job. Secular Israelis have resented for years that many ultra-Orthodox men spend their lives in religious studies, and do not work or serve in the army.

There is concern about the coalition's proposed law to expand the powers of the rabbinical courts. These courts already have jurisdiction over divorce for all Jews in Israel; because of that only the man can formally dissolve a marriage. The proposed law would give the courts jurisdiction over economic aspects of a divorce and allow them to act as arbitrators in civil issues such as labor or contract disputes. The article notes that both parties would have to agree to the arbitration, but critics of the bill say that consent is not always given freely. This new law would reverse a 2006 Supreme Court ruling that curbed the rabbinical courts' ability to arbitrate civil matters.

It's stunning to think religious rules could overtake a largely secular country so quickly.

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### Southwest Airlines Get Religion

A federal judge has ordered lawyers for Southwest Airlines to undergo religious liberty training. Bad enough, right? Wait, there's more. Per Fortune.com, the judge specified the training would be provided by the Alliance Defending Freedom, or ADF. They are, the judge said, "particularly well-suited" to do the training.

Among its qualifications, apparently, are that one of its founders is James Dobson, the evangelical minister who started Focus on the Family. Among ADF's greatest hits are its successes in *Town of Greece v. Galloway*, allowing religious invocations before city council meetings and *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores*, allowing employers to exclude birth control from their medical plans.

ADF wrote the model anti-abortion law used by Mississippi that was the basis of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which resulted in the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.

Why would a judge require the lawyers to receive religious liberty training in the first place? U.S. District Judge Brantley Starr (he's the nephew of Kenneth Starr, of Clinton impeachment fame) ruled in favor of a flight attendant who sued Southwest because she claimed she was fired for talking about her opposition to abortion. Starr found Southwest in contempt for defying his order in this case. He said that Southwest's attorneys didn't understand federal protection for religious liberty, and required them to undergo training, from ADF. Even if this requirement is appropriate – and that's a big if – most commentators think Starr should have found a less controversial group to provide it.

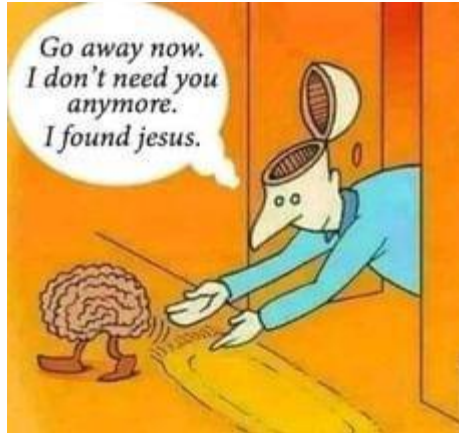
The ADF has refused to describe what its religious liberty training consists of, or to answer any questions. Its chief legal counsel, Jim Campbell, emailed, "The judge's order calls for ADF to provide training in religious liberty law — not religious doctrine. It is baseless to suggest that people of faith cannot provide legal instruction if their beliefs differ from their audience's."

David Lopez, who was general counsel of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission during the Obama administration, points out that this training might violate the religious rights of its lawyers, who could follow different religions, or no religion. He said the EEOC would sometimes require an employer who had been found to discriminate to undergo training, but that the agency and the employer would agree on who would provide the training.

The underlying case involved Charlene Carter, who had been a flight attendant for more than twenty years. She had made a series of social media posts and sent private messages attacking the head of the flight attendant's union for participating in an anti-Trump, pro-abortion-rights march in Washington in January 2017. At one point she told the president, "You truly are Despicable in so many ways" and attached a video that supposedly showed an aborted fetus. She sent another aborted fetus video about an hour later. Carter took her firing to arbitration but lost. She sued, and a Dallas jury awarded her \$5.1 million from Southwest and the union. Starr reduced the judgment to \$800,000 to comply with federal limits on punitive damages.

Both the union and Southwest are appealing Starr's order, and the underlying jury decision.

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### The Precedent of Noah's Ark

A lawsuit in Texas cites a novel precedent: The Book of Genesis. PAN member Tim Simpson found this story, reported by Hemant Mehta, the Friendly Atheist.

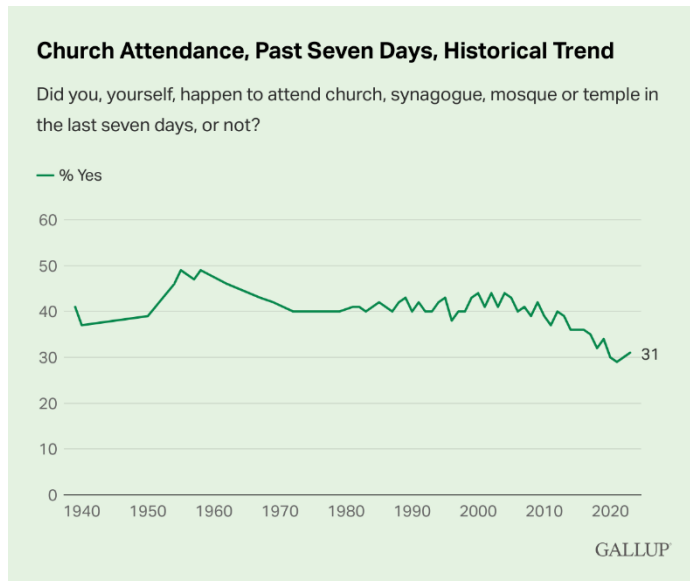
Some background: the State of Texas was so determined to keep refugees out that it put buoys in the Rio Grande to make it impossible to cross. The federal government sued, stating that it was illegal to impede travel on a navigable river.

That's where it gets weird. According the the-independent.com, a delegation led by US Representative Jodey Arrington of Texas, alongside the Texas Public Policy Foundation, filed an amicus brief, argued that the Rio Grande isn't navigable, as the term is defined in federal regulations. It says that according to an 1870 court case, "navigable waterways" are ones used for interstate or international commerce. The brief goes on to explain:

"Indeed, if one takes the Book of Genesis literally, then the entire world was once navigable by boats large enough to carry significant amounts of livestock. Under the federal government's theory, these anecdotes would render any structure built anywhere in Texas an obstruction to navigation subject to federal regulation."

By the way, the buoys the fine Christians put in the Rio Grande contained circular saws, so anyone who tried to grab onto them will be seriously injured. God's will, no doubt.

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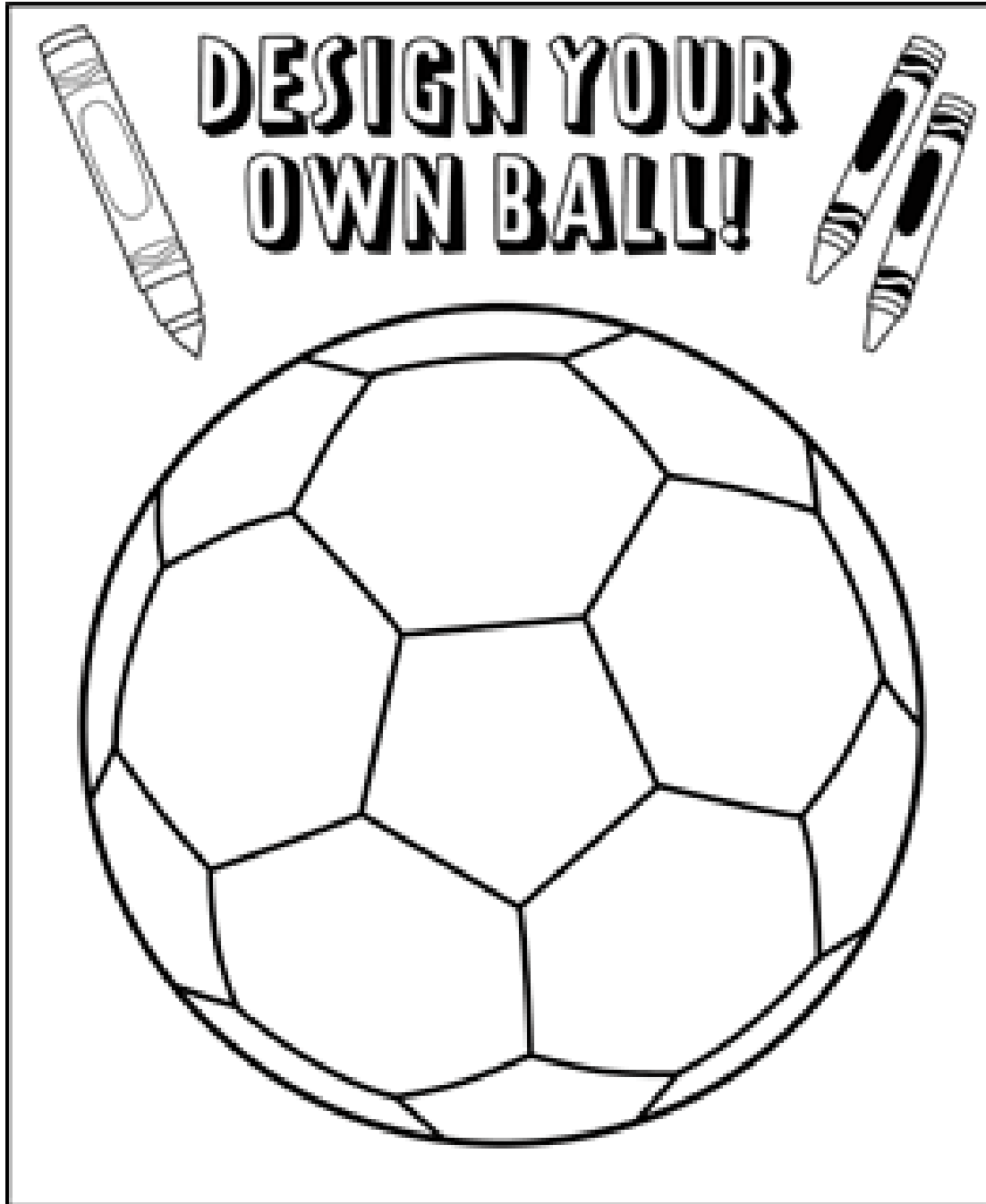


### Church Attendance

Gallup, at news.gallup.com, reports that while church attendance has crept back up from the decline during the pandemic, it's still below what it was pre-Covid. Protestant attendance has gone from 44% to 40%, and Catholics have dropped from 37% to 30%.

Republicans are more devout, with 40% attending services each week, compared to Democrats and Independents, at 25% each.

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## **PAN News & Updates**

### **PAN Picnic 2023**

*Colleen Dzwonczyk*

On Sunday, August 27 approximately 30 people (PAN members and their families) gathered for a picnic at Gifford Pinchot State Park. There was lots of food, fun and camaraderie. A small group of members gathered prior to the picnic for an exhilarating game of disc golf. There was the opportunity for swimming and hiking. Several attendees participated in corn hole and/or board games. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful day. It was just a great way to get together to share ideas and have some fun outdoors.

**Meetings** – PAN holds in-person and online meetings. Locations, times, and dates below.

Online meeting: Fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. We hope to split the meeting into an hour of chat and an hour of presentation or more structured discussion. Anyone with a book/movie review, discussion topic, or potential guest speaker should contact Dietrich Dellinger @ [guyinnagorillasuit@gmail.com](mailto:guyinnagorillasuit@gmail.com)

Chambersburg – Second Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm, Volcano Japanese Restaurant  
955 Wayne Ave, Chambersburg

Cumberland/Mechanicsburg - Third Wednesday of the month, Hops and Barley, 6:00 pm, 398 N. York Street, Mechanicsburg, PA

Harrisburg– First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, Zeroday Brewing Company Taproom, 923 North 3rd Street.

Lancaster – Fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm, Centerville Diner, 100 S. Centerville Rd.

Lebanon - Second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 pm, Plaza Azteca in Myerstown.

Reading – Third Thursdays at 7:15pm, 3rd & Spruce Drafthaus, 238 S 3rd Ave, Reading, PA 19611

York Meeting – First Sunday at noon, Mexitaly Brick Oven Brewhouse, 2440 East Market St.

### **How to Contribute to PAN**

**Giant Cards** - We will have Giant grocery store cards available for purchase at PAN meetings. You pay face value for the card and use the face value at the store, but Giant lets PAN have 5% of that face value. If you shop at Giant, anyway, use the cards in lieu of cash and help PAN. What could be easier?

**Pennies for PAN** - Finally, we are happy to take money the old-fashioned way. You can give your tax-deductible contribution to a Board Member at one of our meetings or events, you can donate via PayPal on our website, [www.panonbelievers.org](http://www.panonbelievers.org), or you can mail a check to us at PA Nonbelievers, Inc. PO Box 702, York, PA 17405. Remember when you donate you can indicate what fund you want your donation to go to, you can find the list of our funds on the PAN website in the Donate section.

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