

5-minute recap, 3 hours of amazing

Watch this quick, 5-minute video recapping the 2015 Presidential Family Forum, the most unique and insightful event of the entire election season!

Watch the Presidential Family Forum in its entirety below:

The Presidential Family Forum, an event like no other, was held on Friday, Nov. 20, at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

[Your donations bring events like the Presidential Family Forum to Iowa. Would you give today to keep 'em coming? Click here now!](#)

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Can Christians be involved in politics?

On his recent trip to Europe, Bob Vander Plaats was interviewed by England's Premier Christian Radio. One of the key questions: Can Christians be involved in the murky world of politics?

The interview was part of a rare opportunity, unexpectedly provided by God, for Bob to talk with key people in London about Christian leadership in government and international faith leaders at The Vatican in Rome about [If 7:14 and the urgent call to prayer for revival](#).

It is absolutely thrilling to see God's hand at work, sowing the seeds of revival around the world!

Watch a brief excerpt of the Premier Christian Radio interview below:

To listen to the entire, hour-long interview, click on the link below. The interview begins at roughly the 6:45 mark of the recording:

[**Full interview on Premier Christian Radio**](#)

God is igniting Christians to be a blazing light in the world today! If you'd like to encourage and be a part of this growing movement, here's what you can do:

- [Visit If 7:14 to learn more and sign up to join the growing cry of God's people for revival in America.](#)
- [Visit The FAMiLY LEADER action center for ways to get involved personally.](#)
- [Support the team God is using to ignite this movement. Make your donation today!](#)

VIDEO: Watch the 2015 Presidential Family Forum here!

Catch anything you missed. Relive the moments ...

The 2015 Presidential Family Forum on Friday, Nov. 20, was a resounding success! Over 1,100 people and 100 members of national and international media were on hand to listen to seven presidential hopefuls share not just their plans and ideas, but their hearts and worldviews.



Over 1,100 people braved the snow to pack the Convention Center

[Click below to relive some of the most revealing and insightful moments of the entire election season!](#)

Dr. Ben Carson, Sen. Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, former Gov. Mike Huckabee, Sen. Rand Paul, Sen. Marco Rubio, and former Sen. Rick Santorum all sat down around our table and shared their

hearts with us.

Focus group maestro Frank Luntz moderated the discussion, bringing questions unlike anything you'll ever see on a mainstream media debate, many of which came from Iowans and Americans just like you.



For example, Frank asked Carly Fiorina if she should share with him in his own grief any lessons of faith she learned from the death of her daughter. It was one of the most touching moments of the evening.

But not the only one.



Rick Santorum spoke about wrestling with a bitterness of spirit when doctors told him his son would die, Mike Huckabee detailed the struggle to sign off on the execution of convicts when he was a governor, and more.

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Video from NW Iowa Regional Summit and Pro-Life Rally

An overflow crowd of 400+ gathered at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, on Sept. 1 for the Northwest Iowa Family Leadership Regional Summit and Pro-Life Rally.

Among the hot-button topics the speakers focused on were [the gruesome videos from the Center for Medical Progress](#) alleging Planned Parenthood has been deceiving its patients and harvesting human body parts for sale, in violation of federal law, and efforts in Iowa to stop taxpayer money flowing to Planned Parenthood.

[Click here to demand Branstad immediately act to defund Planned Parenthood](#) or call the governor's office at 515-281-5211 today!

Video of several of the speakers at the rally can be seen below:

Alison Howard of the Alliance Defending Freedom

[FLRS-NW Alison Howard](#) from [The FAMiLY LEADER](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal

[FLRS-NW_ Bobby Jindal](#) from [The FAMiLY LEADER](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Iowa State Sen. David Johnson, R-Ocheyedan

[FLRS-NW_ Iowa Senator David Johnson](#) from [The FAMiLY LEADER](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum

[FLRS-NW_ Rick Santorum](#) from [The FAMiLY LEADER](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Sue Thayer, former manager of Storm Lake, Iowa, Planned Parenthood

[FLRS-NW_ Iowa Senator David Johnson](#) from [The FAMiLY LEADER](#) on [Vimeo](#).

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The Family Leadership Summit 2015

Video of each of the speakers at the 2015 Family Leadership Summit is now available!

Take note: The keynote speakers of the 2015 Family Leadership Summit each took their turn "in the chair," being interviewed on an in-depth, personal basis. No stump speeches, these are one-on-one interviews, including questions from both the moderator as well as the audience.

Click below to watch the speakers, listed in alphabetical, not chronological, order:

Shawn D. Akers

[FLS15-Akers](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Gary Bauer

[FLS15-Bauer](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Brian Brown

[FLS15-Brown](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Ben Carson

[FLS15-Carson](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Ted Cruz

[FLS15-Cruz](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Foster Friess

[FLS15-Friess](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Lindsey Graham

[FLS15-Graham](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Mike Huckabee

[FLS15-Huckabee](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Bobby Jindal

[FLS15-Jindal](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Steve King

[FLS15-King](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Tony Perkins

[FLS15-Perkins](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Rick Perry

[FLS15-Perry](#) from [The FAMiLY LEADER](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Marco Rubio

[FLS15-Rubio](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Rick Santorum

[FLS15-Santorum](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Donald Trump

[FLS15-Donald](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Bob Vander Plaats

[FLS15-Vander-Plaats](#) from [The FAMiLY LEADER](#) on [Vimeo](#).

Scott Walker

[FLS15-Walker](#) from [The Family Leadership Summit](#) on [Vimeo](#).

The purpose of The Family Leadership Summit is to inspire, motivate, and educate conservatives regarding worldview application and the most pressing issues facing America's

families. The Summit will provide Iowans the opportunity to engage with national conservative leaders and hear their leadership vision on the issues that matter most to the future of America.

[>>Click here to visit the Official FLS2015 Web Page.<<](#)

[Click here to watch the full day's coverage, start to finish, originally broadcast live on C-SPAN.](#)

Isn't banning gays from marrying 'discrimination'?

No. In fact, it's only discrimination if we DO try to redefine marriage.

The speaker in this Q & A session – Ryan Anderson of The Heritage Foundation – argues that so long as we define marriage as the permanent, exclusive union of sexually complimentary spouses as husband and wife, potentially father and mother, then ALL people have equal opportunity under the law to enter that institution. The “equal protection” clause of the Constitution is fulfilled.

But if we redefine marriage to mean nothing more than the government endorsement of a romantic relationship, Anderson suggests, allowing only two homosexuals to “marry” inherently becomes discrimination against the romantic union of three or four or more people – what he refers to in this video as a “throuple” (as distinct from a “couple”) or a “quartet.” In other words, to arbitrarily extend marriage only to homosexual couples instantly becomes an act of discrimination against those who prefer other romantic relationships.

The “equal protection” and “discrimination” arguments can only remain consistent, Anderson argues, if we understand marriage has an established definition and people may either participate in that definition or not.

Watch the following video to see how Anderson handled this question from a crowd member: “Why should I, as a gay man, be denied the same right to file a joint tax return with my potential husband that a straight couple has? ... How is that not discrimination?”

[Help The FAMiLY LEADER stand firm in defending natural marriage by making a donation today. Click here!](#)

Video: Iowa National Security Action Summit

Attendees left thoroughly “wowed” by the Iowa National Security Action Summit in Waukee, Iowa, on May 16.

They heard from notable names like Donald Trump, Dr. Ben Carson, Gov. Bobby Jindal, Rick Santorum, Phyllis Schlafly, Sen. Ted Cruz, and U.S. Rep Steve King. They got the unfiltered, inside scoop from a retired admiral who once commanded more ships than the entire U.S. Navy has on the seas today. They welcomed information and action steps on issues like refugee resettlement, Islamic terrorism, cybersecurity, a weakening military, and more.

The Summit was just too good to miss, the information presented too good to miss out on. That’s why we’ve made public the videos below. Don’t miss a moment; come back again

and again until you've seen 'em all!

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Session I: Border and Immigration Security

U.S. Rep. Steve King

Phyllis Schlafly, founder of Eagle Forum

Ann Corcoran, Refugee Resettlement Watch

Rick Manning, Americans for Limited Government

Jan Mickelson, WHO Radio

Session II: America's Electric Power Grid and Threats to Critical Infrastructure

Dr. Peter Vincent Fry, executive director, Task Force on National and Homeland Security

Dr. Henry Cooper, chairman, High Frontier

Zach Nunn, Iowa State Representative

Dr. Ben Carson

Session III: America's Military in Decline

Admiral "Ace" Lyons, U.S. Navy, retired

Peter Huessy, president, GeoStrategic Analysis

Colonel Al Ringgenberg, U.S. Air Force, retired

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal

Sen. Ted Cruz

Session IV: Shariah, the Global Jihad Movement, and the Islamic Republic of Iran

Frank Gaffney, president, Center for Security Policy

Donald Trump

Bob Vander Plaats, president and CEO, The FAMiLY LEADER Foundation

Former Sen. Rick Santorum

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TFL shines The Truth on LGBTQ Conference

The FAMiLY LEADER's new director of communications, Drew Zahn, visited with J. Michael "Mac" McKoy of 99.3, The Truth Network, about the [10th Annual Governor's Conference on LGBTQ Youth](#) in Altoona, Iowa, on April 3.

[*Not familiar with the shocking content presented to Iowa's schoolchildren at this conference? Click here to learn more.*](#)

At the heart of the interview – eyewitness transcripts of what was presented at the conference and how the confluence of LGBTQ issues and bullying is blowing up in our schools.

Watch the webcast with Drew Zahn, Mac McKoy, Frank "The Verse" Thomas, and Frank Meeink of Life After Hate below:

(Note: Some of the content of this interview is explicit in nature. Parental caution is advised.)

[*Discover how you can help shine the light in the darkness and get involved in the ministry of The FAMILY LEADER by visiting our Action Center today!*](#)

Harvard prof explains why faith critical to America

[*Discover how you can get involved in the defense of religious liberty and the ministry of The FAMILY LEADER by visiting our Action Center today!*](#)

Video: Religious freedom isn't 'discrimination'

As we've seen in Indiana, Arkansas, and even right here in Iowa, when men and women stand for religious liberty, progressives are quick to cry, "Discrimination!"

But Iowa State Rep. Steven Holt, R-Denison, isn't willing to surrender the debate to a buzzword.

Before the Iowa House on April 13, Holt explained with unusual clarity **the issue isn't about discrimination, but about participation** – and whether the law and the courts should

force citizens to *participate* in activities that violate their conscience.

This is must-watch video from the floor of the Iowa House:

Duration ~ 7:37

[Iowa Rep Holt on Religious Liberty](#) from [The FAMIly LEADER](#) on [Vimeo](#).

[Sign up for The FAMIly LEADER's email blasts, so we can keep you informed of more stories relevant to your life, like this one!](#)

[Also consider investing in the defense of your own religious liberty by making a donation to The FAMIly LEADER today.](#)

SE Regional Summit Video

Did you miss the gathering of more than 600 Iowans in Mt. Pleasant to hear speakers Kelly Shackelford, Gov. Rick Perry, Gov. Mike Huckabee, Gov. Bobby Jindal, Sen. Rick Santorum, and more?

We'd hate for you to miss out on these fantastic speeches. Watch the video from the SE Summit below:



Click on the link below to view the video where you can click on individual time codes to go to hear specific speakers. [View SE Regional Video](#)

Here is the link to

the initial event information and to learn of future events: [click here](#)

Inspiring: Pastors Giving Bibles to Legislators

[God's Word will never return void...](#)

For those who may have missed it, last week The FAmily LEADER organized 130 churches from all across the state to sponsor and give leather-bound Founders' Bibles to their legislators. Many churches sponsored bibles for both their senator and representative, enabling all 150 legislators to receive their own personal copy of God's Word!



"This isn't just any Bible, this is The Founders' Bible. [It includes] the belief of the Founding Fathers, their fear of God, their understanding of the scriptures and how it applies to everyday life, and the government they formed around that." -Pastor Terry Amann



This bible was specifically chosen because it is infused with hundreds of pages of historical context outlining how our Founding Fathers used the Bible as their primary guide for designing this nation.

“What a difference that will make in the way they govern if they understand God’s plan for government!” -Robert Cramer



I think you will be very inspired as you watch this short video on how the legislators responded as the Bibles were presented:

We are inspired by the support and response of the pastors and lay-leaders who traveled hours to make these presentations, get to know their legislator on a personal level, and commit to pray for them.

If you want to **watch a clip with more sound bites of Del Tackett and me**, we have condensed it down as best we could to just a few minutes:

Thanks for your support! Efforts like these are expensive. If you’re inspired, [please make a donation today so we can keep organizing efforts like this to inspire Christ-like leadership in our culture.](#)



For the family,

Bob