

Trending Truth?

TREND - a general direction in which something is developing or changing.

Truth? Fact, actual real things or events, a belief that is accepted as the standard.

Loyal or fidelity to proven consistent facts.

But according to WHO?

Who interprets, or explains or applies “truth” into policy?

John 18:33 –

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” ³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” ³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” ³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.” ³⁸ “What is truth?” retorted Pilate.

John 10:14 - The good shepherd knows his sheep and his sheep hear his voice .

John 14:6 - I am the way the truth and the life.

Culture? **cul·ture** the totality of socially transmitted behavior patterns, arts, beliefs, institutions, and all other products of human work and thought.

According to one professor of anthropology - Culture is the complex and elaborate system of meaning and behavior that **defines** the way of life for a group or society

what are the **values** of entertainment? According to Movies, and music? **Values** of marketing and advertisements – appeal to selfish desires, acquisition of material possessions, self-indulgence, immediate gratification,

The world teaches our kids –
To be sexy, funny, rich, popular, competitive, accept and include everybody and everything.
To be independent even at the expense of respect to authority and traditional conservative values.

Secular or Biblical Values?

VALUE – the beliefs of a person or social group in which they have an emotional investment(either for or against something)

So what is TRUTH?

Hitlers truth? Democrats, Republicans, Universities, the courts...

Isa 5:20 - Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

The View – started by Barbara Walters on ABC in 1997 – a liberal weekly talk show with an audience of up to 6 million ----- with 22 seasons and 4,000 episodes, won 30 Emmy awards, targets women ages 25-54

We are the world... charity song recording for funding famine relief in Africa – Music video in 1985 included 37 artists sold 20 million copies, and raised 63 million dollars –

We are the world, We are the children, We are the ones who make a brighter day
So let's start giving, There's a chance we're taking, We're taking our own lives
It's true we'll make a brighter day, Just you and me

John 14:17 - that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

1 Cor 1: For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. I know very well how foolish it sounds to those who are lost, when they hear that Jesus died to save them. But we who are saved* recognize this message as the very power of God. ¹⁹ For God says, "I will destroy all human plans of salvation no matter how wise they seem to be, and ignore the best ideas of men, even the most brilliant of them." ²⁰ So what about these wise men, these scholars, these brilliant debaters of this world's great affairs? God has made them all look foolish and shown their wisdom to be useless nonsense. ²¹ For God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never find God through human brilliance, and then he stepped in and saved all those who believed his message, which the world calls foolish and silly.

“We are America”... John Cena – **VIDEO**

It's Time to Reimagine Civic Engagement

We are redefining what it means to be a citizen.

We are changing the way elected officials relate to their constituents.

We are pursuing freedom for all people and all ideas.

We are America. - We are at an impasse because of 3 major crisis

1. Ignorance
2. Divisiveness
3. Apathy

Through activism at the local, state, and national levels, by reaching across our differences and embracing what we have in common, and with the help of digital technology, we will reinvent civil discourse in America to unite this great nation once more.

Values of this American secular movement –

Impartiality – Liberty – Community – Civility – Bravery

Moveon.org is a political and civic action group started in 1998 of 3.3 million also known as an American progressive liberal anti war public policy advocacy group.

ACLU – American civil liberties union

Social welfare group Formed in 1920 now has 1.2 million members

Mission is to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to every person in this country

ACLJ – American center for law and justice - Christian-based social activism and watchdog for corruption organization with a national Radio presence daily and litigates to the highest courts for conservative Christian values including abortion , prayer in school and defending against Islamic law.

Secular Universities – 5,300 schools and 21 million students in the U.S. .

Less than 5% include, promote, validate, or affirm Biblical Judeo Christian standards and teachings which include worldviews on creation, right to life, traditional straight marriages and abstaining from premarital sex, and the exclusive view of salvation through Christ alone.

2 Tim 4:3 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but having itching ears, they shall heap to themselves teachers in accordance with their own lusts.