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Something simple, but not simplistic...

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The Church in Culture:

1. More Christians living long-term in cities
2. With a clear understanding of the gospel
3. Creating dynamic counter cultures within the city
4. Integrating faith and work
5. Pouring themselves out sacrificially for the whole city
6. Contextualization

4 Legitimate Ways to Relate to Government:

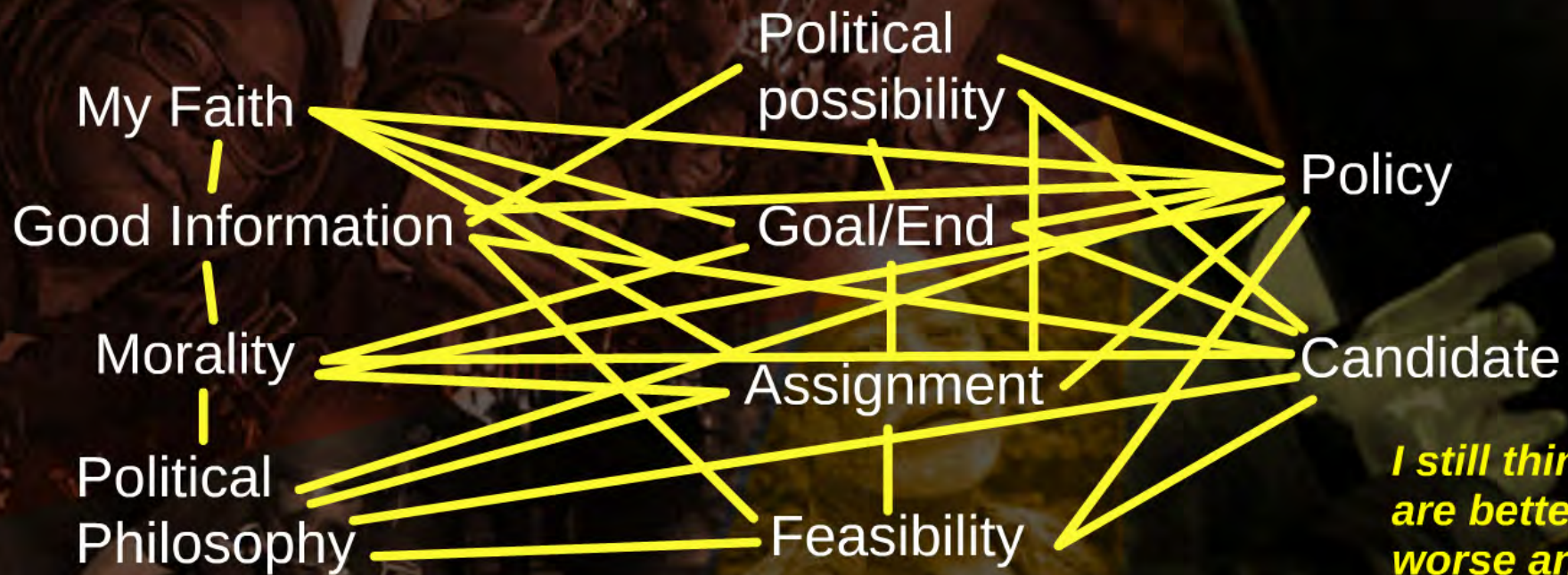
1. Forming christian Character- and let it work
Actually make real disciples
2. Forming christian Conscience- and let them apply it
Teaching the social and moral core
3. Direct Public Persuasion
Saying 'no' and confessing why
4. Direct Public Coercion
Disobedience, protest, boycotting, disinvestment, etc

Dont Get Caught!

- 1) How we invest our free time, including what are hobbies are and how we engage in them
- 2) The fashions we wear
- 3) The music we listen to
- 4) The values we embrace
- 5) The entertainment choices we make



"Straight Line Thinking"



I still think there are better and worse answers



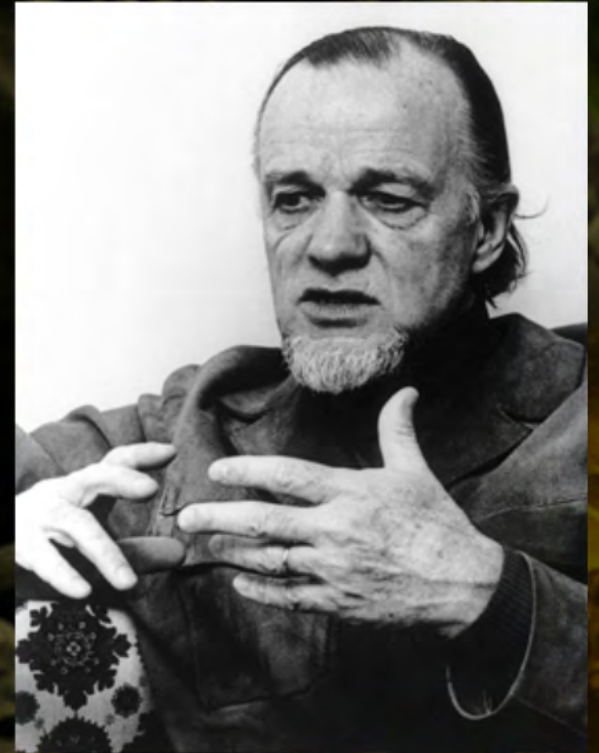
5 Questions

- 1) What biblical principles should inform my decision?
- 2) Do I have all the facts?
- 3) What possible motives are driving my decision?
- 4) What is the collective counsel of my community?
- 5) Is there a better option that would allow me to make a greater impact for God's kingdom?

4 areas of public speech

(Though not necessarily of policy)

1. Life for the weakest
2. For religious freedom- not just freedom of worship, but for freedom of expression and conscience
3. A firm safety net for those unable to contribute themselves
4. The affirmation of traditional marriage and co-extensive permanent family life





The 7 Mountains of Culture

- 1) Government
- 2) Education
- 3) Media
- 4) Arts and Entertainment
- 5) Religion
- 6) Family
- 7) Business



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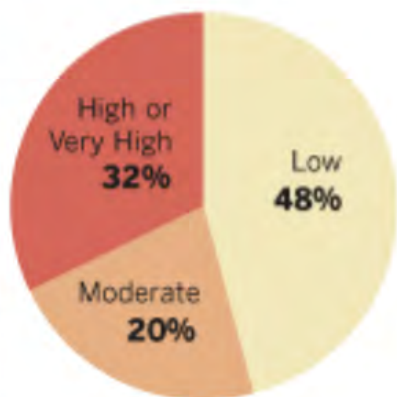




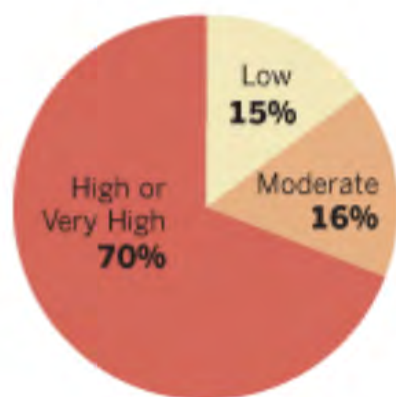
Global Restrictions on Religion

A minority of countries have high restrictions on religion, but these countries contain most of the world's population.

Percentage of **Countries**



Percentage of **Global Population**



Note: Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding.

Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life
Global Restrictions on Religion, December 2009

JUDGE FURIOUS WITH CA SUPREME COURT BAN ON JUDGES IN BOY SCOUTS

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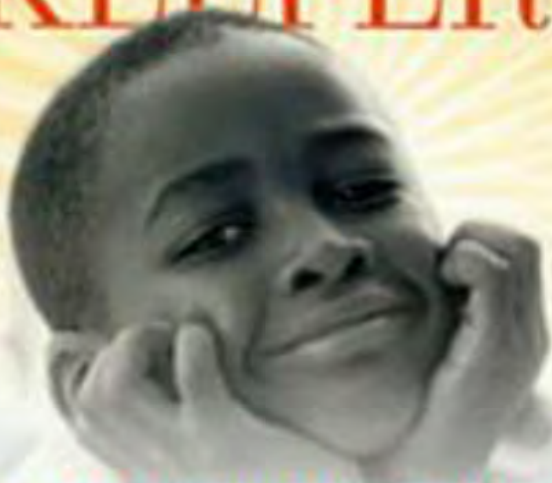


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The California Supreme Court, interfering in the affairs of the Boy Scouts, decided on Friday to bar judges from belonging to the Boy Scouts because of the organization's "invidious" discrimination.

THE
DREAM-KEEPERS



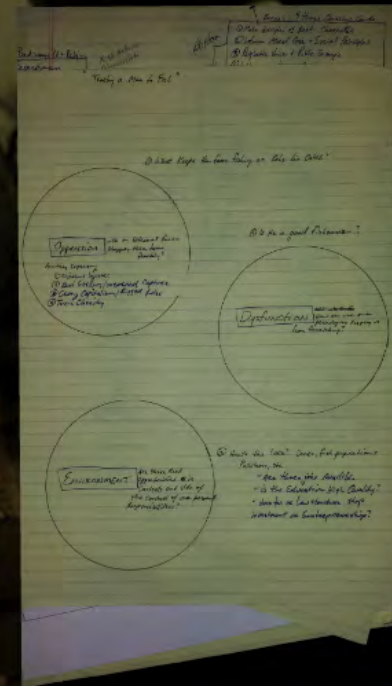
SUCCESSFUL TEACHERS OF
AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN
GLORIA LADSON-BILLINGS



Church as Laboratory and Example

Hospitals
Books (codices)
Universities
Scientific Revolution
Linguistics

We can try things
Different thinking
Gospel motivation



① What keeps him from fishing or Robs his Catch?

Oppression

- is an External force
Stopping him from
flexibility?

Are they Experiencing

- ① Objective Injustice
- ② Rent Seeking / Unearned Capture
- ③ Crony Capitalism / Rigged Rules
- ④ Toxic Charity

② Is He a good fisherman?

Dysfunction

~~add - we suffer~~
How are our own
pathologies keeping us
from flourishing?

ENVIRONMENT

Are there Real
opportunities in
Contexts out side of
the Control of our personal
responsibilities?

③ How's the Lake? Docks, fish populations
Pollution, etc.

- Are there jobs Available
- is the Education High Quality?
- does tax or Law structure stop
investment or Entrepreneurship?



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