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The strategy of violence involves numbers. Jesus said that before a king goes to war he must first calculate the number of soldiers he has (Luke 14.31). In most cases it is difficult to win a war when one's army is outnumbered. Christians should not ignore the role that the numbers game is playing in America today. The Census Bureau numbers are showing an increase in minority birthrates in the United States. These numbers are causing many in the majority population to become nervous and concerned. Some think that drastic measures must be taken to combat the rising tide of minority birthrates and religious diversity in this country lest America loses its original identity as a White Anglo-Saxon Protestant nation.

If Christians and Christian leaders fail to calm the nerves of fellow believers in the escalating climate of racial combat, we could see a new wave of violence this country has not witnessed since the Civil War. Politically incorrect politicians have found that appealing to the fear of losing white numerical dominance in America is the most effective way to win political elections. Christian leaders in the church and in the academy are called to shed sound theological light into the midst of this growing social crisis.

We don't want to have to say what a Catholic priest said when he was on trial in 1968 for burning draft board records related to the Jewish Holocaust. He said,

"I was trained in Rome. I was quite conservative, never broke a rule in seminary. Then I read a book by Gordon Zahn, called *German Catholics and Hitler's Wars*. It told how the Catholic Church carried on its normal activities while Hitler carried on his. It told how SS men went to mass, then went out to round up Jews. That book changed my life. I decided the church must never behave again as it did in the past; and that I must not."¹

The strategy of exploiting fears of white racial extinction in this country is not a new strategy. Southern politicians campaigned against John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson on the basis of their support of the Civil Rights Movement. Carl T. Rowan in his book, *The Coming Race War in America* (Boston: Little Brown & Co., 1996), says that "Theodore Bilbo, Eugene Talmadge, 'Cotton Ed' Smith, Strom Thurmond, James Eastland were among the many southerners who found that naked exploitation of white racism brought not only victory, but political longevity and seemingly endless control of the most powerful committees of Congress" (43).

Carl T. Rowan is the African American that crafted Lyndon B. Johnson's 1965 speech wherein President Johnson pleaded with a joint session of Congress to pass the Voting Rights Act. Before Lyndon B. Johnson made the historic speech he said to Carl: "You want me to give this 'fuckin' speech and say the things you've written for me. Like 'we shall overcome.' And I'm going to do it, because I know it is right. But I ain't so

1. Howard Zinn, "What is Radical History?" on the *History is a Weapon* website, <http://www.historyisaweapon.com/defcon1/zinnwhatISRadicalHistory.html>.

‘goddamn’ sure as you are that ‘we shall overcome.’ You ever thought that we might be liberating some blacks and at the same time sounding the death knell of the Democratic Party?” (43).

Stanley B. Greenberg in his book *America Ascendant* has put his finger on the current racial dynamics that are driving much of the fear and racist overtones we hear in today’s politics. Greenberg says, “It is hard to overstate the pace of growing diversity in the country over the past two decades, concentrated among younger populations, particularly the Millennials. The black, Hispanic, and Asian portion of the presidential electorate grew inexorably from 16 percent in 1996 to 18 percent in 2000, 21 percent in 2004, and 24 percent in 2008, reaching 26 percent in 2012” (71–72). He surmises that the rise was driven by above-average turnout of African Americans, a growing Hispanic population, and an accelerating Asian immigration.

Between 1990 and 2010, the white portion of the population dropped from 80 percent to 72 percent; in the electorate, the white share fell from 87 percent in 1992 to 74 percent in 2012. Greenberg elaborates, “Among voters under age thirty, the white proportion has fallen even faster to 58 percent and is expected to shrink to 56 percent by 2020. Racial minorities will form the majority very soon in key swing states such as Florida, Georgia, and Nevada.” Continuing on, he says, “It is no longer immigration driving this demographic swing, but higher birthrates: in 2011, the Census Bureau reported that nonwhite births outnumbered white births in the United States for the first time” (72).

White supremacists have been sounding the alarm with greater volume in light of the unveiling of the most recent demographic data. They are saying that whites are losing control of the United States and they are calling for critical measures to be taken in order to stop these trends.

The fear of being racially outnumbered reminds me of the biblical story in Exodus, chapter 1, wherein the Hebrew birthrates began to outnumber the birthrates of the Egyptians. In the Exodus story the Egyptians had to take restrictive measures in an attempt to curtail the explosive growth of the non-Egyptian population in Egypt, as the slave population started to outnumber the master class. There are striking similarities between the “birthrate war” in the Exodus story and what is happening now in the immigration debate. Exodus 1.6 opens with these words, “The Israelites were fruitful and multiplied greatly and became exceedingly numerous, so that the land was filled with them.”

In Exodus 1.9–10 the king gives a major speech that lays out his strategy of violence against the perceived domestic threat. “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become much too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, *if war breaks out*, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country” (italics added).

There are influential thinkers in American politics on both sides of the aisle today that believe the growing birthrate of minorities is the greatest domestic threat to the majority status of those defined in political coded language as the “American people.” These powerful individuals believe that the situation has become such a major crisis that the use of violent force must be considered as a means of stopping the massive increase of minority presence in the nation.² According to *The Daily Beast*, Dylann Roof, the twenty-one-year-old white male who killed nine people in an historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina, credits the Council of Conservative Citizens’ website as the source that motivated him in his attempt to spark a race war.³

Some blame the Johnson administration for setting immigration policy that brought about what some may describe as “the browning of America.” In addition to passing the Civil Rights Act of 1965 the Johnson administration and congress passed the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 (also known as the Hart–Celler Act). According to Laurence Moore in his book *Touchdown Jesus*, some saw this policy as the immigration law that opened up the floodgates that let in the overwhelming ocean of non-white immigrants into the United States (109–110). Moore goes further to say that the Immigration and

2. Matthew Heimbach at the 2013 Council of Conservative Citizens National Conference. Heimbach’s speech can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRaJr7nv5mE>.

3. Olivia Nuzzi and John Avlon, “Dylann Roof’s Segregation Inspiration and the Politicians Who Pander to Them,” *The Daily Beast*, posted June 21, 2015, <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/06/21/s-c-killer-dylan-roof-s-segregation-inspiration-the-council-for-conservative-citizens-and-the-politicians-who-pander-to-them.html>.

Nationality Act of 1965 abolished what was known as the National Origins Formula. He explains that the National Origins Formula allowed peoples from Western Europe to easily enter the United States as immigrants with the intention of conserving the white European cultural makeup of America as it existed in the late nineteenth century. This immigration law had remained strong in the United States since the nineteenth century

Moore believes that the Immigration Act of 1965 not only allowed a far greater number of immigrants into the United States but the law also encouraged diversity. He points out that people came from all over the world, from Asia, from Africa, the Middle East, from Latin America, especially Mexico. He says that by the 1990s, America's population growth was more than one-third driven by legal immigration and substantially increased by the illegal immigration population, with those especially coming from Latin America and other parts of the developing world, as opposed to one-tenth before the act was passed into law.

Moore says that the presence of these black and brown people from many Third World nations has reopened the controversy about what constitutes an *American identity*. Moore concludes that it is estimated that by the year 2042, white people not referring to themselves as Hispanic will no longer constitute a majority but rather only a plurality of the population of the United States, while racial and ethnic minority groups, led by the Hispanics (mainly Mexican Americans), black Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, and Pacific Islander Americans would together outnumber non-Hispanic white Americans.

The demographic countdown of the twenty-first century is causing quite the stir among many whites who feel as if they are losing their country and therefore must “take it back” by any means necessary. Such pronounced fear can clearly be seen in the writings of Richard D. Fuerle, author of *Erectus Walks Amongst Us*.⁴ Fuerle helped craft the harsh immigration laws for the state of Arizona that gave law enforcement the right to engage in racial profiling in regards to illegal immigration.

Fuerle openly warns about the current status of immigration in America and its implications for white citizens. He specifically targets white elites in churches and governments, stating that they should be blamed for destroying the true American identity. Fuerle writes, “Almost nothing is as maladaptive for whites as admitting non-white immigrants and refugees into white homelands (Salter, 2002a), yet every year white elites in churches and governments bring in tens of thousands of non-whites. Our territory is lost and our gene pool is desecrated”⁵. He describes this as a “slow genocide of the white race.”

According to the current political rhetoric tainted with the threat of global isolationism and white nationalism taking place it seems as if Fuerle’s profoundly influential voice has privately gained traction among many Americans. Fuerle encourages white Americans to look out for themselves only. He references a Woody Allen quote that sounds dangerous. It implies that whites must be willing to consider the use of violence as a means of curtailing what he perceives to be the impending demographic threat. Fuerle paraphrases Woody Allen’s dark humor in the following statement:

“We stand today at a crossroads: One path leads to a slow diminishment of our numbers, a weakening of our ability to defend ourselves, and the likely extinction of our people. The other leads to vicious conflicts with immense losses on all sides and the possible extinction of our people. Let us hope we have the wisdom to make the right choice.”⁶

The Woody Allen quote sounds like Pharaoh’s warning in Exodus 1.10 where Pharaoh says, “Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

4. Fuerle’s book, *Erectus Walks Amongst Us*, was available free at <http://erectuswalksamongst.us/> but the site was suspended when checked September 7, 2016.

5. Richard D. Fuerle, *Erectus Walks Amongst Us* (Spooner Press, 2008), 431.

6. Ibid., chapter 37. Page numbers not included on online copy.

June Callwood in her book *Deadly Emotions* warns us about what could happen when fear takes over a group of people that feels threatened. She says, “A cornered animal or man is first frightened and then may marshal himself to be dangerously furious. Prejudice is one of the commonest faces of fear. Dreading their fellow man because they feel inadequate, fearful people become adamantly bigoted” (44).

She adds, “Citizens want to close their ranks against strangers, and therefore feel betrayed by reasonable men who talk of democratic ideals.” Continuing on, she further states, “It has been noted that those whose basic fears are sexual turn on blacks, believing them superior in this regard, and those whose basic fear is economic failure turn on the Jews. They cry for more restrictions, more repression, more red tape, more police, and more violence. It is all the sound that fear makes” (44–45).

Callwood warns that “fear, that is not vanquished, brooding, hating, dark fear, is eternally destructive.” In fact, Callwood points out that, two thousand years prior, Seneca wisely wrote, “Nothing is terrible in things, except fear itself” (45).

The fear index in America can be measured by the gun sale index. The rise of gun sales and the increasing number of hate groups since the presidential election of Barack Obama in 2008 seem to be strong indicators that for many American citizens, fear is driving them to arm themselves. The number of Americans purchasing guns increased exponentially since Barack Obama was elected:

- In 2009, the total checks for the year under President Obama were 12,772,090.
- For 2010, background checks totaled 14,320,489.
- In 2011, checks were 16,336,732.
- In 2012, checks were 19,463,832.
- Background checks for the month of January 2013 alone were 2,483,230.

This totals 65,376,373 background checks completed since President Obama's first full term in office, or 44,748 background checks per day! The number of background checks in President Obama's first term is 91.1% higher than George W. Bush's first-term total of 34,214,066.⁷

In Exodus 1.11–14 we read more about the strategy of violence and repression the Egyptians implemented to diminish the increase of Hebrew birthrates. “They put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites and worked them ruthlessly. They made their lives bitter with hard labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields, in all their hard labor the Egyptians used them ruthlessly.”

Here we see a clear picture of what fear can cause a national majority to do to domestic subgroups that are considered demographic threats. The current hour is critically desperate and demands a prophetic voice to speak spiritual wisdom back into a nation that is being driven to the borders of insanity. Politicians like Pharaoh have always exploited the basest fears in the minds of their followers. Such narcissistic personalities have always possessed the ability to use their political charm to seduce an entire nation into conflict and chaos.

When Egypt's strategy of violence failed to prevent Hebrew birthrates from escalating, Pharaoh turned to more violent measures. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, “When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl let her live.” Pharaoh then gave this order to all his people, “Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile but let every girl live” (15–22).

Pharaoh's decision to kill the boys was proof that the lives of Hebrew males did not matter to the Egyptian imperial regime. The king suspended any claims of being “pro-life,” because the Hebrew genetic threat was of such danger that it was necessary to declare the current hour as “a time to kill.”

7. Jason Howerton, “Number of Gun Background Checks Under Obama Outnumber the Entire Population of the U.K.,” *The Blaze*, February 12, 2013, <http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2013/02/12/number-of-gun-background-checks-under-obama-outnumber-the-entire-population-of-the-u-k/>.

Historically in America blacks have been characterized as if they were a racial disease that could lead to the mongrelization of the United States. In 1947 Theodore G. Bilbo, who served as a state senator, lieutenant governor, two-time governor, and three-term US senator from the state of Mississippi, wrote a book entitled *Separation or Mongrelization*.⁸ His writings reveal his fear that race mixing would eventually lead to the extinction of the white race in America. Bilbo states,

“Time and time again throughout our history, great statesmen have warned the people of the United States that physical separation of the white and black races is the only way permanently and adequately to solve the race question which has confronted us for so many years. Sixty centuries of racial contact in world history prove that there are only two permanent solutions to any race problem, and the time has come when the American people must face this fact. We must choose between the two alternatives: physical separation of the races or amalgamation. As long as the two races are in contact, the race problem will continue. Remedial measures may lessen racial friction, but the race problems exist until the races are either separated or amalgamated. Unless the races are physically separated the problems will continue until amalgamation has reached such a point that racial lines no longer exist. Then of course a Nation of hybrids and mongrels of mixed blood would have neither race nor race problems.”⁹

The black presence in America has been viewed in this country as a domestic threat as early as 1917. The threat was seen to be of such significance that America’s black population was subjected to American military surveillance. According to Tony Brown in his book *Empower the People*, as America drew closer to war in 1917, army leaders believed that blacks could pose a danger to national security by organizing against their government. President Woodrow Wilson feared what the Military Intelligence Division (MID) entitled the “Negro Unrest.” Rowan says that after declaring war on Germany in 1917, the US government effectively declared war on all blacks in America, labeling them “suspected traitors.”

Brown states further that the MID created an internal security network to spy on every outspoken and prominent member of the black community and to recruit blacks to spy on each other. Brown claims that this domestic spy network was the largest ever assembled in a free country (166).

Despite all of the human fears and manipulations going on in our nation today, Christians must boldly declare their faith that God is in control of all birthrates. Like the midwives stood in defense of the helpless Hebrew boy babies, we need Christians of all races today to stand together in defense of the helpless and the powerless. We must be like the midwives that refused to comply with the official decree to kill the innocent Hebrew male children. The midwives truly were pro-life!

How can we as Christians truly be pro-life when we are arming ourselves to engage in taking human life to protect our control of geographical turf that we call our homeland? How can we be pro-life while taking our young children to the shooting range to teach them how to kill other human beings when racial unrest breaks out? What we see unfolding in our nation today serves as proof that fear causes irrational thinking that leads to irrational and contradictory behavior.

We need more black, white, Hispanic, and Asian midwives to see to it that none of our children are viewed as enemies of the state simply based upon the color of their skin, their religion, or national origin. We urge Christians to live up to the claim that “all lives matter.” If you say all lives matter then, regardless of race, fight for the full-term delivery and postnatal care of little boys and little girls that are born into poverty just as you would fight for the children born into privilege.

It is imperative that Christians resist the temptation to lean to a worldly way of understanding when seeking to address the issues related to race. Racial extinction of any race will not happen against God’s will.

8. *Separation or Mongrelization* (Poplarville, MS: Dream House Publishing, 1947) can be found at http://www.archive.org/stream/TakeYourChoice/TakeYourChoice_djvu.txt.)

9. Bilbo, chapter 13. Pages are not numbered on the online version of the book.

He is the eternal source of survival for all peoples. God brought each race into the world and he has the ability to preserve the existence of what he has created as long as he desires. Worrying over racial existence or racial extinction cannot add to or subtract from the length of time God has assigned to any people. Our calling as Christians is to be peacemakers and not warmongers! Let us not use the carnal weapons of war as a means to establish our human will and our physical place on earth.

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