# Nefarious Feminism and Malevolent Compassion - Implications in the Montana Primary Elections

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Below is an excellent, short article by Carrie Gress. She is the author of the 2023 book <u>The End of Woman: How Smashing the Patriarchy Has Destroyed Us.</u> It is also available on Audible. I highly recommend this relatively short treatment of the history and players in the Feminist movement. You will see the evil and start to understand why this is so demonic - and prevalent. Nancy Pearcey's recent book <u>The War on Masculinity: How Christianity Reconciles the Sexes</u> is also excellent and available on Audible as well. Others that I have read look more at the philosophical background of this movement, you will see that **list in the appendix**. One other book that may seem irrelevant but actually is spot on to the subject of emotions is <u>Don't Follow our Heart: Boldly Breaking the Ten Commandments of Self-Worship by</u> Thaddeus Williams, also available on Audible.

**How is that America has become so ruled by emotion?** How did we get to the point where we **read nothing** but have an **opinion about everything?** It has not happened by accident – it was a scheme of the enemy, *a methodically thought-out plan* (Ephesians 6:11).

Over the past 7 years, I have read and researched the issue of feminism. Some of you have heard me say that I believe it is the **most pervasive and destructive cultural issue of this hour.** The Feminist movement is over a century old. Decades ago this movement joined hands with the Marxists to destroy the family and Christianity. Indeed, Joseph D'Hippolito documents how the Left's attachment to Abortion reflects its inner Marxism. Second and Third Wave Feminism gave us the Cultural Revolution and all thing LGBTQ+. I believe that it is so pervasive in our culture that to **NOT be influenced** by it is like attempting to **swim in a pool without getting wet**. Feminism essentially owns the Evangelical church. I see its influence in our just **completed Montana primary election in dozens** of ways but analysis of that **in detail** is a subject for another time.

You may have also heard me reference a conversation I had with a very prominent teacher about that time that turned my head. Fortunately, we are going to get a chance to hear from this man in November. I encourage you to take the time to

listen to or watch his teaching <u>on The Loss of the Noble Male and the Rise of Malevolent Compassion</u> that will be kind of the center piece of his <u>7 Threats in Our Time</u>. Here, Dr. Del Tackett presents an extremely insightful look at exactly what the outcome of this long march of Feminist-Marxism created in America. This subject will be just one of his seven topics at the <u>Big Sky Worldview Forum</u> November 8-9th.

We live in a culture – especially a Christian Culture – who's theology and philosophy are "smorgasbord Christianity" – take what you like, leave what you don't. Yes, we live as Postmodern Christians. The unending creativity and output of Western debauchery is one of its hallmark industries. **The SELF rules** – Truth is defined totally by emotion. "You Live your Truth... You Do You" dominates us more than we want to admit. There need be no "reason" involved with our beliefs or actions but make no mistake – to suggest that those feelings and our definition of **Self are in error is offensive**. Modern culture is obsessed with Identity. Our identity is our god. Carl Truman, in his brilliant book *The Rise and Triumph of the* Modern Self (perhaps the most important book of this decade) talks about "expressive individualism" Trueman explains how modern-day formulations of identity—the "Self"—have yielded a paradigm of personhood that is often weaponized for psychological, sexual, and therapeutic triumph. Any claim, then, that would **threaten one's self-chosen sense of self-conception**, sexual freedom, and therapeutic needs is **not only improper**, **but possibly criminal**. Yes, the "modern self" has become our cultures god and if you violate it, you may lose your job. Out the modern cultural window went the Biblical understanding of our identity being "made in the image of God."

**So, what's all this got to do with the influence of Feminism?** At this point it is intriguing to consider how Truman's concept of "expressing individualism" and Tackett's concept of "malevolent compassion" converge." **Both** are the outcome of the dangerous <u>rule of emotions over reason in our culture</u>. Both are the outcome of <u>the perversion of creation</u>. In simplistic terms, Tackett teaches that the Noble male is driven by two engines as on a train. The first engine is truth, righteousness, and wisdom. The second is grace and compassion. He is driven by truth and tethered by grace and compassion. The Virtuous Female is driven by the same two engines but they are in reverse order. **As our culture rejected God** and absolute truth, the role of the noble male is lost and the grace and

compassion of the female became perverted and malevolent – i.e. wicked and nasty. Thank you Feminist movement! Carrie Gress's book mentioned above documents this in spades although she never uses my terms. Yes, I am suggesting that to do reason and logic well, you have to be well-read!

You CAN NOT, I repeat you cannot read about the history of 2<sup>nd</sup> Wave Feminism and beyond without coming to the conclusion that this is exactly what these movements have done to the balance of male and female in our culture. **Carl Truman** traces the history of the philosophers that set out to destroy truth and give us the **modern self and expressive individualism** where emotions rule as god and dictator. **Del Tackett** connect the dots of exactly how it influenced the malefemale role reversals in this hour.

"Put them together and what have you got?" <u>Bibbidi-Bobbiti-Boo</u> – the 1948 song introducing Cinderella to her Fairy Godmother and transforming an orange pumpkin into a white carriage? Not exactly! More like the explanation of how an evil movement, the Feminists, joined hands with the Marxists for the destruction of America.

Oh, how does this relate to our recent Primary election? As I said, that analysis is for another day. Suffice it to say that top to bottom – with exceptions – in most of the races the only logical conclusion you can come to was that emotion and/or – the prevailing-cultural-Establishment narrative – prevailed. It certainly wasn't the logical, rational, promotion of goodness, truth, and beauty in Montana culture. It was more like – even with the sort of informed – don't confuse me with the facts, I will do as a dammed well please!

I will just reference one race – the Supreme Court race of Wilson vs. Bidegaray vs. Jerry O'Neal. First Wilson v Bidegaray then O'Neal.

You can argue that the Montana Trial Lawyers Association endorsed Bidegaray and financed her. But that does not account for the vote – 88,000 for Wilson to 124,000 for her. Convince me that tens-of- thousands of Christians and Conservatives did not vote for this Progressive woman??? Christians and Conservatives voted based on emotion, not logical research A decent, quiet Judge from Kalispell – Dan Wilson got 35% of the vote and Katherine Bidegaray, a loud Progressive of questionable character, got 49%. In my voters' guide (p. 9-10) I document that she is an ACITIST and approved of the Courts "polling on bills in

the legislature." She has also said she is "a visionary, an innovator poised not only to follow but to lead." This is activist language! She divorced her husband and is allegedly living with another man. Those from Eastern Montana where she is from cringe at the idea of this judge — now from Missoula - being on the court partially because of her unprofessional actions.

But the emotion driven voting on the Court does not stop there. Let's take a brief look at the situation with Jerry O'Neil – decent guy who probably leans Libertarian. Why and how did he ever get on the ballot? There were many warning that Jerry was not qualified to be on the Supreme Court but – again – I will argue that emotion prevailed. In an important document (LINKED <a href="here">here</a> and also attached) you see that to run for the Montana Supreme Court, you have to be an attorney with five years of experience and "admitted to practice law by the Montana Supreme Court". Jerry is not recognized as an attorney with five years of experience and he has not been sworn in by the court.

"Publicly available records indicate that Jerry O'Neil has never been admitted to the practice of law before the courts of the state of Montana by the Montana Supreme Court."

#### This document also states:

In the extremely unlikely event that he somehow got all the way to Election Day without such a proceeding being filed, and then managed to actually win, someone could petition to prevent him from taking office, and again, the court would almost certainly grant that petition. He would not be seated.

So, why didn't some group fuss about this and what are the implications? Let me add, this is not on Jerry, this is on the Montana voters. Over 40,000 Montanans voted for Jerry in spite of warning that he was not qualified. Probably because they FEEL that the requirements are wrong. But they forgot that the path is to change the Montana Code, not do a protest vote. Again, EMOTION prevailed and these (probably mostly conservative) took the bait. The Democrats were glad to let this proceed to split the conservative vote and – Walla – they were successful. They were smart enough to realize that they could cancel Jerry out later if they needed to. Read the document and see.

One final observation that I am convinced is way to typical of Montana voters. I was at a meeting for a candidate. A relatively young man interrupted – and speaking about another candidate said – "I heard this candidate speak and in the first minute, I just knew, they were the one." I sat in dumfounded belief that this man would so expose his shallowness. This was not an indictment of the candidate he mentioned but it certainly shows the emotion of the potential voter – hardly a testimony of carful analysis and good critical thinking. My point? I am persuaded that this kind of reactive voting is much more the rule than the exception in candidate analysis.

### **Summary and Challenge:**

If you were going to invest in your family or your small connection group this summer, this issue of the role of Feminism and emotion would be a stimulating and important one to tackle. IF... the scales fall from of your eyes, you will be stunned at how Feminism has invaded our culture.

# The Abortion Industry Owes Its Success To The Proliferation Of Feminism

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If we are serious about helping women and protecting the vulnerable, we must stop believing the lie that feminism has been good for women.

Since the triumphant end of *Roe v. Wade* two years ago this June, pro-lifers have suffered loss after political loss. Capitalizing on this pro-abortion tsunami, Democrats <u>just announced a \$100 million</u> commitment to push abortion in an effort to win back the House of Representatives. On the state level, efforts to liberalize abortion laws continue to pop up on ballots across the country.

What appears to be missing from the public discussion about abortion is a simple question: What is the engine driving the abortion numbers? Abortion, in various forms, has been around for millennia, but the astronomical spike in those seeking it out is quite new. Legalization and technology have certainly added to its numbers, but there must be more that has led millions of women — women from

the wealthiest countries ever — to actively end the lives of their own children on an unimaginable scale. Something else is driving it. What is it?

The sexual revolution is generally targeted as abortion's source. While it played a huge role in abortion gaining a foothold, the esteem abortion has today required a lot more than the offerings of the radical '60s. During the *Roe* years, while prolifers chipped away at the Supreme Court decision legally, the pro-abortion side fought a different front: the side of culture. Their success hinged upon one thing: the wholesale adoption of the ideology of feminism. They have been wildly successful.

### Feminism: A Spawn of Marxism

One feminist ringleader, who connected the sexual revolution with feminism, was Kate Millett (1934-2017), the author of *Sexual Politics*. Millett made the cover of Time magazine for her highly influential book and seeded the women's studies programs throughout American universities. She was a protégé of Wilhelm Reich, who wrote the book *The Sexual Revolution* in 1936. Millett helped execute Reich's vision of applying Marxist ideas to the broader culture. The sexual revolution became the avenue through which she and many others, including the equally radical Angela Davis, spread the feminist ideology. Millett's personal view was that men showed their toughness as soldiers, particularly by killing the innocent, such as during the Vietnam War. Women, she believed, could show they were equally tough by killing their own children in the womb.

Millett and her comrades didn't invent feminism. It had already been growing quietly in dark and confused places, a pawn of socialism and communism. As early as the 1890s, the socialist magazine, Lucifer, was stirring up in women the "gospel of discontent," the desire for independence from husbands and children. Three decades later, the Soviets forged a new alliance with the feminist women they previously thought were too bourgeois. Bourgeois bitterness and anger, the Soviets found, made women easily manipulatable and robust promoters of the communist cause.

Among the many notable women in the feminist/communist alliance was Betty Friedan. Friedan quickly convinced millions of women that their life at home was a "comfortable concentration camp." The cure was "productive work outside the

home," which parroted the view of Marxist co-conspirator Engels. Work would make women truly free.

But "productive" work depends upon one thing: childless women, or at least women who have someone else to watch their children. What many failed to realize is that work alone doesn't make anyone free. The scale of work's failure to do so can still be read at the entrance to a real concentration camp, Auschwitz: "Arbeit Macht Frei." Work will make you free. It was a lie then, and it is a lie now.

For feminism to succeed, it also had to sell women on a further set of lies aimed at stirring up female discontent, such as men are oppressors, women are victims, women are better off mimicking men's lives, and feminism is good for women. These directives led women to be easily seduced by the promise of an alluring lifestyle full of glamour, recognition, hefty salaries, and unlimited sexual partners. Clever marketing and a robust economy made the Marxist bait irresistible. Feminism encouraged women to climb the corporate ladder while also instructing them to slide down the greasy pole of the hook-up culture with its attending pregnancies, STDs, emotional wreckage, and shallow relationships.

But work and hook-ups don't negate female fertility, even among the most careful. Rather than reign in this dodgy behavior, feminism and other beneficiaries of unbridled sexual activities, like Hugh Heffner, pushed for abortion. It solved the problem of what to do with all the children conceived that no one wished to carry or care for.

### Hanging on to Feminism Despite its Wreckage

It is always hard to expose a false narrative, particularly those deeply rooted in intellectual and emotional attachment, careers, reputations, and fortunes. For decades, the smoking industry did all it could to hide the devastating effects smoking had on public health. It took years and layers of lawsuits for the truth to come out.

But feminism isn't smoking. Lawsuits and regulations can dislodge a carcinogenic product, but it is much harder to eliminate a toxic ideology that has resulted in 44 million dead children worldwide in 2023 alone. These abortion numbers blow away those associated with smoking deaths even in its heyday.

Most defenders of feminism pass the movement off as a benevolent grandmother. This winsome and naïve approach casually glosses over the Marxist underbelly. Yes, women have opportunities today they didn't have 100 years ago, but much of this has been brought about through technology, like the dishwasher and washing machine, or the dramatic socioeconomic benefits gained by the Industrial Revolution and post-war economic booms, which allowed families to send daughters to school and not just sons. To argue that women's benefits have come only because of feminism is a narrow and ideological reading of history.

What feminists' defenders also tend to miss is the enormous canyon of damage left in its wake. These 44 million children have mothers and fathers who were involved in the decision to end their lives. As Jordan B. Peterson says, "You may be finished with your past, but your past isn't finished with you." The damage is hard to continually sweep under the carpet, revealing itself in one form or another, typically through the hardening of the female heart.

And this, they tell us, is what has been so great for women. We now have women who are more depressed, more suicidal, more medicated, and lonelier than ever. In the broader culture, marriage and birth rates are collapsing, the war between the sexes is growing more acrimonious, the word homemaker is triggering, and we can't define womanhood. Yet, culturally, we hang onto feminism, much like the addicted smoker's yellowing fingers, who can't give it up, even to the point of smoking through a trach if necessary.

If we are serious about truly helping women and protecting the most vulnerable among us, then we must stop believing the lie that feminism has been good for women. We can start breathing in the clean fresh air of the family, the importance of children, the beauty of marriage. It won't be perfect, but no matter, it will be an improvement.

The work of both women and men also needs to be put back in its proper place where it serves more than just individuals grasping at the ideal of independence or self-importance. Work is meant to serve us, to provide the means to raise a healthy family and live a flourishing life in whatever form that may take. Work is not meant for us to serve it.

Feminism is abortion's fuel. It is time to do everyone a favor and just stop feeding it.

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## **Appendix and Suggested Reading Related to Feminism:**

- The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self by Carl Truman
- The End of Woman: How Smashing the Patriarchy Has Destroyed Us by Carrie Gress
- The War on Masculinity: How Christianity Reconciles the Sexes by Nance Pearcey.
- Domestic Tranquility A Brief Against Feminism by Carolyn Graglia (400 pages)
- The Flip Side of Feminism What Conservative Women Know and Men Can't Say by Suzanne Venker and Phyllis Schlafly
- Sexual Suicide by George Gilder
- The Feminization of American Culture by Ann Douglas
- The New Politics of Sex- the Sexual Revolution, Civil Liberties and Growth of Government Power by Stephey Baskerville