

THE SOUL OF A WARRIOR #3

As the battle for the soul of America I want to continue our teaching series on
“The Soul of a Warrior” with a message on...

“The Choice Before Us”

Introduction

I’m going to cut to the chase with a warning of what’s coming...

Theme

The modern American Marxists who are now running our government are going to force us into a choice between 2 values: freedom and safety.

A value is something that we consider important.

We all value safety and feeling secure. We also value freedom.

In good times, in times of blessing, we can have both.

But history teaches us that bad times can come when we have to make...

The Choice Before Us

**If forced to face the choice of being safe or being free, which will we choose?
How much freedom are we willing to surrender for the sake of staying safe?**

A soldier with a warrior spirit has already chosen to sacrifice his safety to save his freedom. Cowardly soldiers and cowardly cultures will seek for safety; and it will cost them their freedom. Authoritarian governments rise to power when cowardly people value their safety more than they value their freedom. Here is a short version of a video I found on the Academy of Ideas website.

Video

Why An Obsession With Safety Creates Sick Minds and a Sick Society

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3EsCljvrSw&t=306s>

Totalitarian governments actually create a crisis that makes people feel unsafe; they know that they can filch our freedom by fanning flames of fear that make us afraid. Thus, the choice before us is a value judgment, safety or freedom?

American author E.B. White, (Charlotte's Web) said it well...

E.B. White

Safety is well and good. I prefer freedom.

I. This Is The Choice Before Us

A. The Nature of Our Warfare

1. One of my favorite films of all time is 'The 10 Commandments', the story of Moses and how God delivered His people out of bondage in Egypt.

a. The movie was released in 1956 and directed by the great Cecil B. DeMille.

b. The movie runs 3 ½ hours; but before the story begins, DeMille appears on stage to give a personal introduction.

Cecille B. DeMille, introducing the move "The 10 Commandments"

The theme of this picture is whether men are to be ruled by God's law or whether they are to be ruled by the whims of a dictator like Rameses. Are men the property of the state or are they free souls under God? This same battle continues throughout the world today.

2. This age-old battle has begun again on our own shores; and once again, it's a question of will we be free or will we be under bondage to the state.

Julius Ruechel

This is a war about the role of government. It is about your freedom to think, to speak, and to ask questions, and about whether your individual autonomy is downgraded to a conditional privilege or whether it remains a right. It is a war about whether you are to remain a citizen or become a subject. It is about who owns you; you or the state.

3. This is a war we seem to be losing for lack of a warrior spirit; too many cowardly Christians and too many Americans who value safety over freedom.

a. Hear this word of warning from one of our founding fathers:

Benjamin Franklin

Any society that would give up a little liberty to purchase a little temporary safety will deserve neither and lose both.

4. This is a lesson America had to learn as we entered the 21st century...

B. The Dynamic Connection Between Safety and Freedom

Senator Mark Udall

The balance between freedom and security is a delicate one.

1. He made this statement in the context of the 911 terror attacks, which forced us to give up some freedom to keep America safe.

a. It was 20 years ago on September 11, when America suffered the worst terrorist attack in history and suddenly we did not feel safe.

b. In the name of keeping us safe, the government required us to give up some of our freedom.

- We couldn't stroll into the airport 10 minutes before takeoff
- We had to endure long lines to get through security points
- We had to submit to baggage checks and removing our belts and shoes and computers to pass through X-ray machines

c. The point is we surrendered some of our freedom so we could feel personally safe.

2. Fast-forward 20 years;

a. In 2019, we were hit by another terror attack, this time not a bomb but a virus; and suddenly, once again we didn't feel safe.

b. Once again, in the name of keeping us safe, the government required us to give up some of our freedom. But this time it wasn't just at the airport.

3. The new tradeoff for giving up our freedom so we could feel safe involved a lot more than baggage checks! It's masks, lockdowns, and toilet paper!

The 2020 Mantra

“Stay home! Stay safe!”

4. Americans surrendered more personal freedoms last year than in all our previous 245 years put together! All in the name of being ‘safe’.

5. Then the government told us that they would make us safe if we would let them mandate mask-wearing. We went along. Shut down our schools, businesses and churches. We went along.

6. Now they give us the vaccines as how we can be safe. But here’s where they crossed the line. Mandatory vaccinations. Vaccine passports.

a. Personal note: Many Americans fail to see that this really isn’t about the vaccines. This is about an overreaching government testing us to see how much freedom we’re willing to surrender so we can feel safe to keep our jobs, travel where we want and keep our schools and churches open!

7. Stop telling me I can’t be free unless I submit to your demands as to how you will keep me safe. Forced to choose, I would rather be free than be safe.

Ron Paul

Freedom is not defined by safety. Freedom is defined by the ability of citizens to live without government interference. Government cannot create a world without risks, nor would we wish to live in such a fictional place.

8. Patrick Henry, another of our founders, once said “Give me liberty or give me death!”

Dutch Sheets

The Founders of America had extreme passion and were willing to die for the cause of freedom. “Give me liberty or give me death,” was more than a slick campaign speech. When Patrick Henry made this now famous statement he was stating unequivocally, “I am willing to die for this cause.”

9. I am not willing to die to be safe. I am willing to die to be free. This is why I’m preaching about how much we need “The Soul of a Warrior”; a soldier is

someone who is willing to surrender his safety so his country doesn't have to surrender its freedom!

10. This is why the Apostle Paul compared Christians to soldiers.

2 Timothy 2:3

**Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Jesus Christ. (NIV)
Be ready to do without the comforts of life, as one of the army of Jesus Christ.
(BBE)**

11. Soldiers give up their personal safety to fight for freedom. We must be willing to do the same. And we need to know what we are fighting...

C. The Atheistic Nature of Marxist Governments

1. Marxist/Socialist governments are, by definition, atheistic. They do not believe in God or need God. Salvation comes from government.

Epoch Times

Atheism lures the arrogant into playing God and attempting to control the fates of others and of society; the leaders of Communist movements are prone to self-deification.

2. The great English philosopher Edmund Burke points out the problem.

Edmund Burke

(1729-1797)

When men play God, presently they behave like devils.

3. Socialist/Marxists governments actually CREATE crises that make people feel unsafe as a means of persuading them to surrender their freedom. Their pathway to power depends upon deluding the people to believe they are not safe as a means of removing their freedom.

Frank Furedi

Relieving people of their freedom in order to make them feel safe is a recurring theme in the history of authoritarianism.

4. Always remember that the whole power structure of totalitarian government depends upon DELUSION.

Arthur Versluis, "The New Inquisitions"

The social transformation that unfolds under totalitarianism is built upon and sustained by delusions, for only deluded men and women regress to the childlike status of obedient and submissive subjects and hand over complete control of their lives to politicians and bureaucrats.

a. When this happens everyone is deluded! The people and the politicians who think they are God.

Arthur Versluis

Only a deluded ruling class will believe that they possess the knowledge, wisdom and acumen to completely control society in a top-down manner. And only under the spell of delusions would anyone believe that a society composed of power-hungry rulers on the one hand and a psychologically regressed population on the other will lead to anything other than mass suffering and social ruin.

5. The modern American Marxists now running our government have already test-driven this model of making our God-given rights conditional upon our compliance with their commands.

Julius Ruechel

In the socialist's Brave New World, the regime will grant temporary conditional privileges tied to virus seasonality, good behavior, or whatever other conditions they choose to set to achieve the social engineering agenda of the day. Once they opened Pandora's Box to a society based on conditional rights, there is no limit to where their imaginations will take them.

6. President Biden has already begun to create databases of information on American citizens that will rate them on the degree of their compliance to government mandates and political correctness. Some have already pointed out how this resembles the Social Credit System used by the Chinese Communist Party.

Fox News 2/22/19

China's Social Credit System is part of efforts by President Xi's government to use technology, from data processing to genetic sequencing and facial recognition, to tighten government control.

7. How far will they go? What will it take to stop it?

II. The Soul of a Warrior

A. A Willingness for Warfare

1. The warrior spirit won American's freedom in 1776.

John Adams, 1777

You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it.

2. 245 years later we've taken our freedom for granted; we've become creatures of comfort and let the lunatics take over the government.

Dutch Sheets

A non-advancing church in America has turned to routine, to living in the safety of the familiar, rather than moving into the challenges of cultural and societal transformation.

3. We have valued our safety above our freedom; and now we've got a government that knows how to use it against us.

Joseph de Maistre (Jozef de Mist)
(1753-1821)

Every nation gets the government it deserves.

Thomas Jefferson

The government you elect is the government you deserve.

a. But American journalist H.L. Mencken said it best...

H.L. Mencken

People deserve the government they get, and they deserve to get it good and hard.

5. God is using this government to wake His people and raise an army that's not afraid to fight for its freedom. This is the spirit inspired great men before us:

William Wallace Freedom Speech in 'Braveheart'

"Run and you will live. Fight and you may die. At least awhile. And dying in your beds, many years from now, would you be willing to trade all your days, from this day to that, for one chance, just one chance, to come back here and tell our enemies that they may take our lives but they will never take our freedom!"

6. Listen to the words of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, when he rallied the men of England to fight WWII:

Winston Churchill

"If you will not fight for right when you can easily win without bloodshed, if you will not fight when your victory is sure and not too costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival. There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than to live as slaves."

7. Do you feel that way? If not, you can kiss your freedom goodbye.

III. Close

A. Review: The Choice Before Us

Theme

The modern American Marxists who are now running our government are forcing us into a choice between 2 values: Freedom or Safety.

1. A godly government gives us both; but ungodly government gives us neither; but they will offer us a delusion of safety ...IF we be willing to give up our freedom.

2. Alexander Hamilton foresaw our situation today...

Alexander Hamilton

To be more safe they at length became willing to run the risk of being less free.

3. I say we be the people who turn this around...

To be more free we became willing to run the risk of being less safe!

Title

**PRACTICAL SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMPLES OF:
SAFETY OR FREEDOM?**

- The government says I'll be safe if I abide by their rules
(Get the shot; wear a mask; avoid crowds; wash my hands a lot)
- My job is safe if I give up my freedom to deny the shot
- I am safe to use social media if I give up my freedom to say what I think
- We can be safe from global warming if we give up freedom to choose a car that runs on fossil fuels
 - I am free to fly if I take the shot
 - I can get an organ transplant-if I take the shot