

# God, Jesus, Trump!

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Translation voice-over Dutch-English

1.50 Intro

After four years with Joe Biden Donald Trump wants revenge. What are the Christians doing that are supporting him? Are they done with him after all the court cases, accusations, and never-ending media attention? Does the Bible Belt in the USA support Trump in his fight against everything that is left, progressive and woke? This is God, Jesus, Trump!

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America is the country that gave the word 'woke' a meaning. It started when years ago black minorities 'woke up' and stood up for their rights. At this point in time, the 'woke-umbrella' covers much more; lgbtq, climate activism and feminism. One thing they all have in common; they want a society with 'equal' rights.

America is also the country where people go to war against woke, because they believe it goes against the way the country and society was established. Orthodox Christians, a large group in the USA, are not happy about woke. They prefer traditional, conservative values.

Of course, Donald Trump takes full advantage of that situation. This week, in the conservative state of Texas, I investigate how Donald Trump and the conservative Christians join in the fight against woke.

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In Fort Worth, close to Dallas, bull riding is a massive thing. It is close to the heart of the locals and a big tourist attraction. I am visiting CK and Ashlee Reid. Their ranch supplies and breeds bulls for the rodeo.

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Peter John Budler grew up in South Africa and immigrated to Texas. He is a Christian, conservative thinker, and beef cattle expert.

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PJ is here in Texas an outsider who became an insider.

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Woke has become in the USA a big umbrella covering many 'equality' topics. Transgenderism is currently the most prominent and controversial topic under that umbrella. Woke however originated from within the African American community. Darrin Moore is pastor of an African American church community close to Houston.

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The African American church is not putting focus on woke or culture war. Texas is called the state of steers and queers. My question is; how does the homosexual community experience woke. I am visiting Marco Roberts and his partner Mike in downtown Houston.

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In the world of sports, woke is becoming a very grim topic.

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Kassidy Comer played basketball for her college but had to retire due to an injury.

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In the USA Kassidy has become a voice speaking out against transgenders in sports.

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Kassidy's testimony was part of the eventual change of law to protect women's sports.

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Besides the gym, the school library also became an arena for the woke war. In California, some literature is seen as 'racism'. In the same way there's protest in Texas against books with lgbtq references.

The parents are fighting.

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In the Keller School District, I am meeting with a mother, one of the members of the Board of Trustees. She was part of a group that worked to remove 40 books from the shelves of the library in the schools. She has children that go to this school and is very outspoken about Trump.

I am very warmly welcomed by the associate principal. The camera crew and I got badges and were brought to the library, the place where the interview is done.

I brought 3 books; books are no longer allowed in this library. I discussed these books with the mom. We discuss 'All boys aren't blue.', a book that describes rape in a detailed way. We also discuss the book 'Gender queer', see pictures. Lastly, we discuss Anne Frank's diary, the version that includes scenes from the original diary about Anne daydreaming about falling in love with a girl.

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There's a reason we are not showing this mother, a member of the Board of Trustees. Within an hour after we finished the recordings, we received a desperate text from her, telling us all hell broke loose. Children in school who saw the crew recording told their parents about it. Some parents, with the mom's biggest opponent as the main character, turned immediately to the media, without knowing all the facts.

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We indeed recorded children in the school, like the children of the board member. The assistant principal brought this Dutch girl to our crew.

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We are here at the school because some books are no longer allowed in the school. One of the books is Anne Frank's Graphic Novel. Apparently, some parts of the book are too explicit for this school.

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Yes, that is something people do not talk about here. About sex. Nobody talks about it. Sex is bad, you get pregnant, you die...that kind of stuff.

You are from Holland, where those rules do not exist, and now you are here, where the rules are extremely strict. What do you think will be the result of that strict approach?

I think that teenagers develop a quite different mindset regarding the topic of 'sex.' You can't buy condoms in the grocery store; an adult must do that for you. And it would be weird here to tell your parents: 'I have sex, I need condoms.' I do not think it is as easy here to start using the pill. It results in many teenage pregnancies.

Do you speak more open about these topics with your friends in the Netherlands?

Yes, I absolutely do.

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Just for the record; Famke and her parents are aware of the tumult around our visit to the school and have given their permission to broadcast the interview.

The media attention following our visit to the school leads to another board meeting in a room full of angry parents.

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The mom, the Board member, has resigned at this point, under pressure and after receiving multiple threats from other parents.

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On the internet, the two camps are still divided and fighting.

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After the recordings, the lawyer of the school demands that we destroy all raw footage. The mom who was a board member begged us not to broadcast her interview. Because she has been so traumatized by the aftermath, we decided to honor her request.

The recording at the school ignited a roller coaster.

I am calling PJ, whom I met earlier.

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One place that is the center of some of the most intense woke battles is the family. Bonnie Castillo wants to share her story but does not want her family to know.

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One place not fighting against woke is Galileo Church, close to Dallas. In this place anybody and everybody is welcome.