

When Those Called to Teach and Heal Celebrate Death

What It Says About Our Love of God and Country

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The death of Charlie Kirk has stirred emotions across America. What is most striking is not only the loss of a controversial conservative leader, but the reaction from two professions we hold in especially high regard: teachers and medical professionals. Reports suggest these groups are among the loudest voices celebrating his passing. When those entrusted with nurturing life—teachers and medical professionals—begin to cheer its destruction, we must ask: what has gone wrong? That fact, more than Kirk himself, demands reflection.

Teachers: Shaping Minds, Spreading Contempt

Educators hold one of the most sacred callings in a Republic: entrusted with shaping the minds of the next generation and preparing them for citizenship. Educators once modeled civility and compassion. They are supposed to inspire curiosity, guide students toward truth, and instill values that strengthen the Republic. When members of this profession openly celebrate the death of a political figure, it signals a troubling drift away from their sacred duty. This isn't just a failure of professionalism—it's a betrayal of the moral duty to honor others above oneself (Romans 12:10).

When classrooms become battlegrounds for ideological contempt, we're not educating—we're indoctrinating. Instead of modeling civility, some educators reveled in Kirk's death. In Oregon, a high school walkout erupted after reports that a teacher openly celebrated the killing, prompting backlash from parents and administrators (Fox News, Sept. 18, 2025). On social media, screenshots have circulated of instructors calling Kirk's death "karma" or "good riddance."

Such responses reflect the growing politicization of classrooms, where ideological indoctrination sometimes overshadows the mission to educate. The golden rule, once a cornerstone of civic and spiritual life, is now dismissed as naïve. But it remains true: if we teach contempt, we reap contempt. If we teach love, we build a Republic worth defending (Matthew 7:12). If the hands entrusted to form the hearts of tomorrow's citizens instead model bitterness and contempt, what kind of patriotism will our children inherit?

This is not an isolated incident. A 2023 Heritage Foundation survey found that nearly 60% of K-12 teachers self-identify as politically left-leaning, while a Pew Research Center study (2022) showed rising numbers of young Americans being taught to view political opponents as "immoral" or even "evil." When educators—charged with cultivating curiosity and respect—instead indulge in contempt, they are not simply failing their duty; they are planting seeds of division in the next generation.

Medical Professionals: Sworn to Heal, Yet Cheering Death

Equally alarming are celebrations from within the medical field. Medicine is a sacred trust. To heal is to love. They are bound by oaths to serve all people, regardless of politics or creed having been founded on the Hippocratic oath: "First, do no harm." The oath to preserve life is not just clinical—it is spiritual. It demands a continuing debt to love one another, for in doing so, we fulfill the law (Romans 13:8). Yet reports surfaced of healthcare workers mocking Kirk's death online, with one emergency room doctor suspended after posting that his blood on stage was "poetic justice" (New York Post, Sept. 16, 2025). Every human life is fearfully and wonderfully made, knit together by God before birth (Psalm 139:13–16). To treat life as disposable is to forget its divine origin. When those who have sworn to heal instead find satisfaction in death, the moral foundation of medicine is shaken.

Such behavior exposes a dangerous



politicization of medicine. A 2024 *Journal of Medical Ethics* survey revealed that 45% of physicians admitted that a patient's political views sometimes influenced how they perceived care. It suggests that professional training—once rooted in compassion, restraint, and service—has become entangled with ideological fervor. If healers can justify celebrating death because of political disagreement, how can patients trust them to uphold their duty to value every life equally?

What It Says About Love of God and Country

This isn't just about politics. It's about the erosion of love—love of neighbor, love of country, love of God. At its core, celebrating death reveals a heart hardened against both God and neighbor; which all of us need to see as a deeper crisis for the soul of our country. Scripture calls us to love even our enemies: "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you" (Matthew 5:44) and to pray for those who persecute us. Patriotism, too, requires a devotion to the common good and respect for fellow citizens, even across deep political divides.

When teachers and medical professionals—entrusted to teach and heal instead glorify hatred, it reveals a profound loss of both faith and civic love and points to a cultural crisis. Instead of classrooms and clinics serving as sanctuaries of truth and compassion, they risk becoming arenas of indoctrination and vengeance. Have we already raising a generation taught to despise rather than debate, and entrusting our health to those who because they do not believe in God, have no respect for the sanctity of life. Scripture reminds us: love comes from God. Whoever loves has been born of God and knows God (1 John 4:7). Without love, we lose both our divine compass and our civic soul.

A Warning and a Call

The fact that teachers and medical professionals—professions most associated with nurturing and protecting life—were among those most visibly celebrating Kirk's death should trouble every American. This is a warning. When America's educators and healers lose sight of love, both God and country suffer. It suggests that hostility has so deeply infected our institutions that even roles defined by love and service can be twisted by ideology. When people talk about the Republican Party or America being divisive, this is what they are talking about. The pursuit of power versus passion for God, leading to hatred and hostility. When mercy is mocked, compassion is conditional, and death is cheered, we are not just losing civility—we are losing our soul. This is why we need to bring God back into the hearts of our people, for that is where peace and love is found. The cure is not more outrage. It is forgiveness, grace, and a return to kindness (Ephesians 4:31–32), and a call to do more than sit in a church pew.

What does our sacrifice to God look like? Are we his warriors in all areas of life and engaging in our communities glorifying God? We are told we are known by our fruit in the Book of James, so are we bearing fruit? Are we possessing the land for Chris? Christians in culture have many non-fruit bearing trees. It doesn't look like we are even trying to possess the land for Christ, especially when less than 1

out of 9 self-identifying Christians bothers to show up for primary or out of cycle elections. This is the low hanging fruit section. Just getting 1 more out of 9 to show up to those elections educated about the candidates, will stop rinos or democrats pretending to be moderate republicans from winning against the God fearing patriotic conservative candidate (Millionvoices.org). That means we need to pay attention to all elections and consider running for some ourselves; like school board, zoning board, health board etc.

The death of Charlie Kirk, and the celebrations it provoked in certain quarters, is not just a political moment. It is a moral one. It challenges us to ask: Will we be a nation that rejoices in the downfall of others, or one that seeks to live out the higher callings of faith, hope, and love?

For America to endure, not just those entrusted with teaching our children and healing our bodies must rediscover the love of God, but each and every one of us, especially those within the body politic that place their power and prestige above the people they swear an oath to serve and protect. What is in our hearts is reflected in our actions and shows whether we have a true devotion to country that transcends politics.

Without rediscovering both the love of God and country in our hearts, our Republic risks becoming a place where hatred is learned in the classroom, confirmed in the clinic, and carried into the public square through a generation that celebrates death rather than cherishing life and eternal life in our Lord. We must recommit to reverence—for life, for liberty, and for the Creator who endowed us with both. To celebrate death is to forget that man is made in the image of God (Genesis 9:6). Let us cherish life—and eternal life in our Lord. ☩

