

## Electing a Sunday School Teacher...

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I was listening to CNN discuss the latest revelations about Donald Trump and the recording that has reverberated over the political world. Cory Lewandowski, the former campaign manager for Donald Trump, is now a political commentator on CNN who often defends and promotes Trump on their political discussion panels.

After the release of the shocking audio tape with Trump saying some very disgusting, overtly sexual comments about women and how he can interact with them as a celebrity, Lewandowski said this, in Trump's defense:

“We are not electing a Sunday School teacher.”

He said this several times in his defense of Trump for President while admitting that the language and words he used were horribly inappropriate. You can watch the video here:

<http://www.cnn.com/videos/politics/2016/10/07/donald-trump-hot-mic-lewandowski-sunday-school-teacher-tsr-sot.cnn>

I will freely say that I had a visceral and physical reaction to hearing this comment, and I share my reaction with you. I said to myself:

“Yes, we are not electing a Sunday School teacher, we are electing a leader of the free world; we are electing someone that will be on our television for the next four years arguing the case for American exceptionalism and policy; we are electing someone who will be charting an agenda for civil and religious rights, exercising the prerogative of naming court justices, implementing foreign policy to extol American values and democratic principles; we are choosing a person who will influence our economic success or failure for years, if not decades, to come.”

Lewandowski was right – we are not electing a Sunday School teacher. But why in this world would we hold the leader of the free world to a lower standard than that which we would expect from a children's Sunday School leader?

This is going to be a man who will be elevated as a role model – simply because of the position he holds.

This is going to be a person who will serve as comforter in chief when natural disaster strikes or national tragedy occurs.

This is going to be an individual who will command incredible military force and exercise power in ways no other person on this earth would be able to do.

This is going to be one who mounts the “bully pulpit” to promote causes that are near and dear to the heart, values, and principles of our collective culture.

Why would we not hold him to the same standard of integrity, respect, honor, and morality that we would hold any person involved in our children's lives?

Some tell me it is more important to choose someone who is pro-life, someone who will appoint the right judges, someone who will reduce our tax burden, and it is better to have these things with a morally flawed and an integrity-challenged individual than one who won't do what we think is right.

I am not voting for a Sunday School teacher, but I will not lower the standard of integrity, honor and respect for the President of the United States so that I have someone in the White House that will simply vote the party line.

I am not voting for a Sunday School teacher; I am voting for a President. And I will not be voting for someone who will speak and act in a manner that would shame me in front of my daughter.