

Chapter 1 : Losing Our Religion – The Documentary | Linda LaScola

Losing Our Religion is a hilarious and candid look at religion and culture, with former pastor, now commune living lover of sinners, Zac Gandara. As he has drinks with former religious freaks, and others he used to shun.

Email Across all cultures from the beginning of history we find evidence of humankind acknowledging their belief in a perceived god or gods. Our quest to explain the intricate and delicate balance of the earth and the universe, in fact our very existence, instinctually draws us to conclude the existence of a higher intelligence. That opinion respecting which there is a general agreement in universal nature must infallibly be true; therefore it must be allowed that there are Gods; for in this we have the concurrence, not only of almost all philosophers, but likewise of the ignorant and illiterate. Evil is opportunistic and assumes many forms to fill this void. To our children our silence signifies weakness in the face of this Evil. Progressives are taking advantage of this silence to advance their agenda to destroy our country from within. The spread of Islam is only one tool in this scheme. The same can be said about those who elevate the urgency of climate change to a religious fervor. This deliberate doubt, or uncertainty, was at the core of the Nazi takeover of Germany. They systematically eliminated religious worship, traditions, and celebrations and replaced them with nationalism, a worship of the fatherland. It only takes the public humiliation of a few and the masses will cower in silence. In a nation when laws are applied indiscriminately and certainty ceases to exist we have despotism. What differs today is the challenge the left faces from conservatives in our country. While Hitler encouraged nationalism in Germany to advance his power, nationalism is a deterrent to the current progressive agenda. To advance global governance they must eliminate any expression of national pride. Patriotic Americans present the greatest challenge. The creation of the European Union sought to destroy independent pride of country or nationality and united them in a regional government. In America conservatives are mocked for standing for the Constitution and the rule of law. They say the Constitution is an old document and outdated. The main stream media repeats these slanders while the useful idiots readily parrot these sentiments. Students are indoctrinated in divisiveness along racial, social, cultural, religious, and class lines. They are taught to embrace diversity. While other cultures may be different it may be right for them and who are we to judge? They are taught to be ashamed of their American heritage and culture and that only through economic and social justice can things be made right. If we want to save our American Republic, we must preserve our American culture and traditions. We must speak truth to power and assert our rights, not just as Americans but as human beings. Our Constitution and the Bill of Rights are not rights bestowed on us by men or government. They are understood to be, and must be taught as, basic human rights which come from our Creator. People yearn to come here because of the promise of freedom and self determination which we as Americans understand to be the right of every human being and what so few can realize anywhere else in the world. If we lose our faith we will surely lose our country.

Chapter 2 : Losing Our Religion

Losing Our Religion: The Liberal Media's Attack on Christianity is a book-length critique of media bias by author, journalist, and conservative political commentator S. E. Cupp Contents 1 Summary.

In politics, short-term factors typically dominate. Meanwhile, the number of Christians in the U. Pew estimates that the U. The unchurched are larger than the number of Catholics and mainline Protestants and nearly equal to the number of evangelicals. This time, conservatives were forced to back down. The rise of the unchurched is partly due to the growing numbers of millennials. Millennials Americans born after are the least churched generation -- 35 percent are unaffiliated. But the turning away from religion is not confined to them. The Pew survey shows Christians declining and the unchurched increasing in every age group. The growing number of unchurched matters politically because religiosity is a key marker of political affiliation. Today, if you can ask a voter only one question to identify his or her political leanings besides "Are you a Democrat or a Republican? In , I held a post as visiting professor of American politics at a leading Jesuit university. One of the perquisites of that position was an invitation to tea with the Cardinal. At the same time, irreligious Americans have found a home in the Democratic Party. The growing number of unchurched Americans has undermined it. In the long run, the Pew study is good news for Democrats. In the nationwide exit poll on election day, 16 percent of voters said they had no religious affiliation. They voted 67 percent for Democrats in elections for the House of Representatives. In the midterm, the percentage of voters with no religious affiliation rose to 18 percent, even though the turnout of young voters was down. But enthusiasm for Democrats lagged in , even among the unchurched. Only 60 percent of them voted for House Democrats. Sure, the demographic trends look good for Democrats. The problem is, demographics is long.

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Losing Our Religion As deeply religious as this country may be, many Americans are not religious at all. One fifth of Americans don't identify with any religion. One fifth of Americans don't.

Sign up to get the best of Boston, every day. This past spring, just as I was about to go to bed, I heard a strange noise outside my window—the sound of hundreds of shuffling feet. We stood at the window and watched as members of the congregation—elderly, middle-aged, twentysomethings, tweens, young children—walked solemnly down the street, which was closed off to accommodate their passage toward the church. A priest in a long robe led them, followed by several men carrying an ornately decorated kind of chariot. The procession stopped directly in front of our house. Little boys pulled at too-tight ties, girls swayed in holiday skirts, husbands and wives pressed close to each other. Outside our window, the priest read a long passage aloud, and the crowd sang something in response. After a few more prayers, the congregation made its way down the block and into the church. Turning from the window, my son repeated his question: Religion is the big exception. Most days I can shrug this off. Who has the time? And does it even matter? But as ambivalent as I am about organized religion, I recognize there is something to it. Participation in a religious community has been correlated with everything from self-esteem and overall hopefulness to the avoidance of substance abuse and teen pregnancy. Am I depriving my children of an experience that will help shape their identities in a positive way and anchor them throughout their lives? It turns out my husband and I are not alone. People like us even have a name. Religiosity often has a natural kind of life cycle, in which people move away from religion in their teens and twenties, and then come back around when they marry and have kids. We Nones move away but never come back. And our numbers are growing. Twenty percent of American adults now say that they believe in nothing in particular. Forty-six million adults identify themselves as religiously unaffiliated, and 88 percent of them say they have no interest in joining a religious institution. This is a seismic cultural shift with the potential to profoundly reshape our society—not to mention our families. Confused about how to raise her own young daughter, Manning set out to study secular parents around the U. I believe in a higher power and I do yoga. As a child she shared a special bond with her grandmother, one that involved food and church. It was so nice.

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Quite a lot has happened since the last post. Not quite a month ago, a white male cop forcibly removed a black female high school student from a classroom in South Carolina. As a result of that argument with her and, even more, its silent, distant aftermath, I felt very estranged from her. I felt a lot of other things, too, like frustration, loneliness, resentment, anger, pain, a desperation to be heard and, most importantly, a need to understand and be understood by my wife. A few days later, I saw something in my personal Facebook news feed that made me laugh while also, in my opinion, sarcastically making a relevant and logical point about what sorts of comments on animal threads do not actually help animals in need but, instead, serve the egos of the people making the comments while also congesting highways of information for people who are doing the hands-on work. I shared this graphic on my personal profile and, without a great deal of contemplation, shared it on the Behind Our Curtains Facebook page as well. It received significantly greater numbers of likes and shares than anything else that has been posted to the page thus far, and the number of words expended in response far outweighed the verbal volume in response to any other post. Sensitive nerves had definitely been touched on both sides of the argument. For now, though, just know that the very divisiveness and polarization in animal sheltering and rescue that had motivated me to start a blog in the first place were alive and well in the comments on this. I had been thinking about who was sensitive to what and why when it came to the message of this graphic. The last post certainly sparked a good bit of dialogue in the comments. Or another bloody street fight. What gets our attention? And what do the things that get our attention say about us? I still believe we have it in us to work together better than we have been if only we each could get out of our own way. I hope this sparks just as much or preferably more dialogue than the last post did. What the hell did that mean? We first typically tend to think of deities, rituals, spiritual beliefs, and prayer as being the defining characteristics of religion. But there are, according to Merriam-Webster yay for dictionaries! I had my own interpretation, as you will have yours. But the lyrics had come to hold meaning for me in a way that had escaped me in high school. The reporting on the terrorist attack on Paris was immediate and widespread in this country. On social media, many Americans passively demonstrated their support for France with overlays of the French flag on their profile pictures myself included. My assumptions were a perfect blend of cultural and political conditioning as well as my own ignorance. Before I had a chance to catch my emotional and intellectual breath, the politically manufactured fear-mongering about accepting Syrian refugees into this country took hold. It is an election year, after all, so of course that shit was going to happen. Of course it was. And the fear-mongering about Muslims followed immediately upon its heels. This is where the the song that had been playing in my head really started to make perfect sense to me. Remember the definition of religion as a cause, principle, or system of beliefs held to with ardor and faith? In my early adulthood, when I was single, a friend asked me what I wanted in a partner. I think the same is true with the things we say without contemplating them first. Although I espouse no religious doctrine in the commonly understood sense, those two answers have come to very broadly define a personal doctrine to which I adhere with ardor. I have continued to believe this, despite all the horrible things we animals do to each other. And my faith in fellow human beings had been seriously shaken in the last several weeks. They might not do it all the time, in every circumstance, but when push comes to shove, when nerves are hit and it seems that the choice is a binary between compassion and fear, their default position is to choose fear and self-protection from imagined threats, rather than logically real ones. With all of that in mind, I remembered an inspired-by-a-true story movie I saw a few years ago called Hours. After more than five days of being trapped, and drinking his own urine in an effort to survive, he ended up amputating his own arm with the only tool he had on hand a dull pocketknife. A very memorable and excruciating scene from that film kept popping into my thoughts as I considered the commonalities in the responses to three seemingly unrelated yet divisive events. So, I ask you: What nerves are being touched, and how are they exposed? And what is the rock that traps you in that crevasse

to begin with?

Chapter 5 : Losing Our Religion: A Look at Non-Religious Parenting

Losing Our Religion is a feature length documentary about preachers who are not believers, and what atheists do when they miss church. Allowed access to the members of The Clergy Project - a safe haven for preachers from all faiths who no longer believe - the documentary follows ex-members and clergy who are still undercover.

Documentation of "facts" is exceedingly thin, and when they are documented, they have more spin on them than a dreidel at Hannukah. However, she blatantly ignores the summary on the first page of the report a Picked up for the novelty of seeing an atheist attempt to defend the points of the religious right. However, she blatantly ignores the summary on the first page of the report and cherry-picks the growth in absolute numbers of Christians while by-passing the fact that their share of the population is diminishing proportionally. See the ARIS website: Cupp endorses the "teach the controversy" approach, attempting to position creationism sorry, "intelligent design" as a viable alternative to evolution that is being suppressed by those dastardly liberal elites. She also whines about Al Gore for a bit, revisits the ginned up "Climate-gate" pseudo-scandal, and spouts some other climate denialist talking points. This book may indeed irritate Christians more than atheists I found it simply laughable as Cupp constantly conflates all of Christianity with the political brand of Christianity peddled by the religious right. Cupp is Ann Coulter-lite who has penned a bargain bin polemic for the corner Christian bookstore. At a quick glance, S. Much of the time, she focuses on arguments persuasive to her main thesis: And while Christmas trees remain part of our foreseeable future, wishing your fellow shoppers to enjoy a "Merry Christmas" has been demonized. Writing is still a business, and the publisher hopes to sell these wares to folks who would want to read what S. However, what I found surprising was my learning that S. Now, is THAT a work of art? Her writing is immensely readable, entertaining, and yeppers persuasive. Do you think Keith Olbermann do that same? How about Helen Thomas? And what about Barack Obama? I like to read different perspectives other than my own. I saw this girl on Bill Maher and wanted to see what she was all about. She claims to be an atheist defending Christ I basically just skimmed this book. She claims to be an atheist defending Christianity If you are defending Christianity, you are clearly interested in it, why else would you defend it. He is not trying to outlaw it. I have no idea who this lady is trying to impact or get to agree with her by trying to make media fair, and why just Christianity? When I read reviews on this book mostly conservative evangelicals were advocating for her, but she claims to be an atheist? Everyone ELSE is wrong and utterly evil. Just like every other non-fiction book on the shelves: Is it written well? Is its reasoning sound? NO - just like so many of the others of its ilk. Life is too short to read bad books.

Chapter 6 : Losing Our Religion by Zac Gandara | A CounterCulture Societyâ„¢ Production on Apple Podca

One strength of Losing Our Religion is the personal interviews. Manning interviewed a variety of None families, included religious, non-religious, and indifferent families. Hearing them talk about inculcating values, balancing family traditions with independent thinking, and educational and ethical considerations added richness to what could.

Chapter 7 : Losing Our Religion: The Liberal Media's Attack on Christianity by S.E. Cupp

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