



Wednesday, July 13, 2022 "News that leads" @leadwi

Charlie Kirk dialogues with LEAD WI campers

Founder of Turning Point USA discusses current issues with campers

By Mary Ann Lazzell

LEAD Wisconsin was honored to have Charlie Kirk, Founder of Turning Point USA, to encourage campers in their Christian faith and conservative values. Employing a Socratic teaching method, Kirk dialogued with campers about the meaning of liberty, the responsibility of Christians to preserve American moral values, and practical ways to become effective, godly conservative leaders. Kirk reminded us that true liberty is not the absolute freedom to do whatever we want, but instead is a liberating responsibility to do what we ought to do. According to Kirk, one thing we ought to do is protect the good, the true, and the beautiful, regardless of the difficulties of that task. Kirk said, "The journey towards truth is a journey worth taking." In such a confused, nihilistic culture, Kirk reminded us that Jesus Christ is the true way to truth and ultimate joy. Standing for what is right is more important and more fulfilling than popularity and political correctness. In fact, he said, "If you're not hated, you're not doing your job as a Christian." He also cautioned against the addictive pressures of social media and smartphones, which are eroding young Americans' mental and emotional stability. Kirk encouraged campers to take the

wisest career paths, overcome social expectations and fearlessly defend what he calls "the greatest country ever to exist in the history of the world": America. Pursuing, embracing, and standing up for objective biblical truth is the most meaningful way to live and spend your time. Kirk's message was that conservatism means the pursuit and conservation of the good.



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Today
High of 79° & Partly Cloudy 

Thursday
High of 80° & Sunny 

Friday
High of 75° & Showers 

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Opinion

Charlie Kirk and I disagree, but that's okay

While the popular conservative podcaster and I exchanged quite a few differences in opinion, it did not prevent us from shaking hands afterwards.

By Josiah Scott

Adrenaline rushed through my veins as I was considering how to respectfully word my question to Charlie Kirk about his views on conservatives who do not approve of former president Donald Trump. After asking him about his opinion on Christian conservatives like myself who do not support former president Trump because of his character (Ephesians 4:29), Kirk responded by asking me my thoughts on Samson. Long story short, Kirk was alluding to the fact that God used (and can use) unrighteous, secular people to accomplish His will. Kirk truthfully remarked, "God can work through secular people (and) He can work through anyone for His purpose."

While I agree that God can use anyone for His glory, I simply do not find the former President's rhetoric or character befitting of the office he holds as President of the United States. President Trump did an enormous amount of good as President, and some of my best friends and closest family are supporters of his, but I hold a personal conviction that president Trump's rhetoric does more harm than most people realize.

Do I believe that Christian Trump supporters are hurting their testimony or are "deplorables" as Hillary Clinton unreasonably stated? Of course not. However, I truly believe that character does matter when discussing qualifications for a seat at the desk of the Oval Office. Kirk eloquently praised the successful policies put in place by president Trump, and said "I'm willing to accept some bad words for babies not being aborted." Although I agree with

his statement, he and I are obviously going to disagree about the importance of character, but what I appreciated most of all about our brief exchange is that he was respectful to me— an 18-year-old with no platform. After our exchange, which ended too soon for me, Kirk made a point to give me a fist bump and thank me. While answering other questions, he made multiple statements that I applauded, and when he spoke of former president Trump's win over Hillary Clinton in 2016, I could not help but nod my head in agreement. It was incredible. After Kirk finished and advanced toward the exit on stage right, he again recognized me for my question and shook my hand. Charlie Kirk did not change my mind on former president Trump, and I did not change his, but that did not prevent us from respecting each other's view and shaking hands afterwards. As Christian Americans, it is important that we recognize the common ground we share over our faith in Jesus Christ and what He did for us on that cross regardless of our differing views on certain political figures.



Assembly

AB 246 seeks to change the electoral college

Jefferson Blue Caucus defends a bill that changes the process of the Presidential election

By Anna Morken

AB 246, introduced by the Jefferson Blue Caucus, seeks to move America away from the electoral college towards popular vote for presidential elections. Currently in Wisconsin, the electors do not all vote for the same presidential candidate. Some may vote Republican while others vote Democrat or even independent, depending on the popular vote in the districts they represent. The process has been a hot topic in America for years.

This bill introduces a new way to determine how the electors must vote. The electors will be forced to vote the same way as the entire nation's popular vote. For example, if the nation's popular vote was Republican, all Wisconsin electors would be required to vote Republican, even if Wisconsin's popular vote was Democrat.

Representative Glass from Jefferson Blue explains AB 246 "will put more pressure on the national popular vote instead of majority and winner takes all." Jefferson Gold caucus is working to oppose AB 246. However, the opposition to AB 246 is concerned that the voice of the people of Wisconsin will be lost if AB 246 passes. Representative Mulvaine expressed concern, saying, "They're trying to change the process of a Presidential election."

Behind LEAD WI

Behind the scenes at LEAD there are some very dedicated individuals

By Sawyer Curtis

How do you arrange over 100 teenagers into a somewhat organized group? What goes on to make LEAD work? You may not even recognize or realize how much work some people put in to make this camp run smoothly. There are two specific people who give a lot of their time for this camp. One of them is Hannah Stroup. Stroup is the co-director this year and does a lot of the organizing for the housing and where the sessions will be held. She also sends a



lot of the emails and helps out with administration. "It's really fun," she says, "it sounds boring, but it's not."

Another vital part of LEAD is the other co-director Leslie Harrison. She does the printing that goes on before camp, assembles all the binders and organizes campers into caucus groups. Stroup explained Harrison's importance: "Leslie is my hero. She does everything that I don't know how to do and answers 5000 questions a day."

Both of them agree that the best part of camp is when the campers actually get here. Harrison said that SharaLee Nichols, director of LEAD last year, was definitely missed, because of her maternity leave. Harrison continued, "She's really good with every single detail and making sure it's covered. So her not

being here this summer is definitely a big hole." Despite that, these two, along with all of the LEAD WI staff, have made a great camp so far and we are confident it will continue that way.

Sports

Big loser in Big Ball becomes big winner in trivia

Macaroni Ponies shock campus by winning Feats of Strength, after a devastating loss on Monday.

By Hannah Mulvaine

In the air-conditioned gym, the Macaroni Ponies dominated in trivia on Tuesday, contrary to the day before when they lost in Big Ball. Macaroni Ponies members stated that with their name they were going to lose, but with their recent win, it leaves LEAD campers wondering if it truly was the name that caused them to lose Monday. As some of the LEAD crew members said, "It was nice that they added a variety of games for those who might not do so well in athletic games compared to intellectual games and vice versa."

Many talked about how they enjoyed the variety of questions that were both educational and funny. Questions like "who had a crime-fighting German Shepherd named Ace?" caught many off guard. However, one of the few people who knew the answer, said it out loud, giving many other groups the answer. While questions like "what was the first state to ratify the 19th amendment, that recognized women's suffrage rights" left many who were previously unaware of the answer, educated.

So far we've had Big Ball and trivia for Feats of Strength. With only one more Feats of Strength game left, we need to prepare both our minds and bodies for the final game.



Special Edition

Press Conferences Galore

Assembly

Jefferson Blue

By Anna Morken

Jefferson Blue caucus presented AB 246, seeking to change the election of the President from the electoral college method to popular vote. When asked if AB 246 would lead to a potentially dangerous state of majority rule, Representative Van Slooten replied that majority rules means “the majority of Americans are happy.” The members of Jefferson Blue believe that passing AB 246 will help more American’s voices to be heard so that the President will best represent the wishes of the people.

Jefferson Gold

By Anna Morken

Jefferson Gold caucus presented SB 330 which seeks to allow the limited sale of certain home-baked and canned goods. The members of Jefferson Gold caucus promote SB 330 because they believe it will help small businesses take off and help lower the costs of these home-made goods for the consumers.

Madison Blue

By Anna Morken

Madison Blue caucus supports SJR 3 that seeks to remove the office of state treasurer from the Wisconsin constitution. The responsibility of the treasurer will then fall under the Department of Revenue. When asked if this will just transfer the funding to the treasurer to the Department of Revenue, Representative Turner claimed, “The Department of Revenue was already taking care of that and also the state treasurer. So by just giving that duty over to the Department of Revenue, we’re saving time and money so it’s not going between two offices.”

Madison Gold

By Anna Morken

Madison Gold caucus introduces AB 616 to prohibit the collection of students’ biometric data collection without parental consent. When asked why this bill is necessary even though biometric data collection does not present a current concern, Representative Petrovic replied, “Would you wait until somebody broke into your house to put a lock on the door? We are making sure that our children are protected before this becomes an issue.”

Adams Blue

By Mary Ann Lazzell

Adams Blue caucus introduced Assembly Bill 703, endeavoring to amend the current bill concerning unlicensed ownership of exotic wild animals in the state of Wisconsin. The bill expands the definition of “exotic wild animals,” and includes a comprehensive list of animals whose owners will now need to acquire a license. When asked about the purpose of the bill, Representative Ashlyn Weide replied that the bill was intended to minimize escapes and to “insure for proper preparation and training” for exotic animal owners. The members of Adams Blue hope that this bill will ensure safety and order for the exotic pet owners of Wisconsin.

Adams Gold

By Mary Ann Lazzell

Adams Gold caucus presented Senate Bill 201, a bill that introduces micro-schools as a new schooling option for parents and students in Wisconsin. Microschools bridge the gap between homeschooling and private schools, allowing two to five family units to combine for group schooling under

parent-designated teachers and curriculum. According to the caucus, this bill could aid students who struggle with traditional public learning methods, providing a more individual option while still exposing the students to a public classroom setting. Bill author Representative Anna Schmid explained, “This bill is not an end-all, solve-all solution for all teaching problems, but it provides another option for parents and students.”

Washington Blue

By Jeremy Robertson

Washington Blue presented Senate Bill 414 today at a press conference—a bill to require cursive writing in schools. Talya Cederberg, sponsor of Senate Bill 414, advocated that keeping cursive in schools would be very valuable, as it can be psychologically beneficial for the minds of young students.

Washington Gold

By Jeremy Robertson

Representative William Gay, from the Washington Gold caucus, proposed Bill 57, a bill that allows for a convention of states. Gay believes it is his duty to protect citizens from the federal government who could abuse its power in the future. By proposing the Convention of States, the Washington Gold caucus seeks to limit the power of the federal government, leave more to the states and ultimately to the voters themselves.

Special Edition Continued...

Senate

Ticonderoga Blue

By Sawyer Curtis

The author of Assembly Bill 515, Senator Abigail Boorujy of the Ticonderoga Blue caucus, said her bill would, “Make dairy products labeled more accurately than they currently are.” Senator Elayna Uhl, a co-author of the bill, said, “We pride ourselves in our dairy products.” For that reason they should be labeled correctly. The caucus claims this bill would also help farmers who have to compete against cheaper artificial dairy products.

Ticonderoga Gold

By Sawyer Curtis

Ticonderoga Gold’s bill, Senate Bill 42-Public notices for local government, permits boards subordinate to the State of Wisconsin, to post their information online. The question was raised that confidential or private information being posted online might be a problem. But Senator Katherine Baldwin responded that since the boards have nothing to hide, and that the information is readily available and accessible, it would not be a problem.

Yorktown Blue

By Jeremy Robertson

Yorktown Blue held a press conference to discuss Assembly Bill 1, arguing that insurance companies should not increase costs for those with “pre-existing conditions,” such as cancer. The caucus pointed out that the bill does, however, allow for flexibility in charges based on family, area in the state, age, and tobacco use.

Yorktown Gold

By Jeremy Robertson

The Yorktown Gold caucus presented a Senate Bill 314, a bill limiting the power of a “second-class city” (a city without a charter) so that it cannot designate historical landmarks in its county. One reporter asked who regulates and designates historic landmarks. The caucus replied that city commissioners, appointed by the city council, designate historic landmarks. Yorktown Gold pointed out that, in the current setup, cities aren’t accountable to the people for the landmarks they designate.

Saratoga Blue

By Jeremy Robertson

Saratoga Blue hosted a press conference to explain Assembly Bill 936, a bill removing Medical Assistance benefits to those who won’t accept legal employment or a raise in wages or hours. In responding to an accusation of hard-heartedness, the senators argued that if someone is actually in need of help, then they will be accepting employment.

Saratoga Gold

By Jeremy Robertson

The Saratoga Gold caucus presented a bill that expands the rights of crime victims, pointing out that currently defendants are given more rights than victims. When asked if citizens and taxpayer money would be involved in this bill, the caucus explained that the bill didn’t seek to take anything from citizens, only to expand the rights of victims.

Lexington Blue

By Josiah Scott

In Lexington Blue’s press conference about direct primary care, Sen. Zodrow began Lexington Blue’s press conference by stating the reason their bill is necessary. When questioned by reporters on the patients’ choice regarding their doctors, Sen. Timothy pointed out that patients do have a choice in their doctors. Lexington Blue hopes that their bill passes to give both the patients and their doctors better options regarding their insurance.

Lexington Gold

By Josiah Scott

Lexington Gold’s bill author, Sen. Terpstra, started the press conference by stating the purpose of his bill. Following his speech, Sen. Knauf pointed to the increase in violent crime toward law enforcement officials and Sen. Bestul offered two amendments to AB 48 to clarify evidence of any hate crime toward police officers. When asked by reporters about specifically addressing law enforcement rather than LGBTQ+ as victims of hate crimes, Sen. Bielen responded by stating the danger officers face daily. Lexington Gold hopes this bill will pass as an additional step in protecting law enforcement officers.



Notices

There are signs up around campus with QR codes to photo dropboxes. This allows anyone to upload their photos from the week of camp and share them with everyone here! To upload or download photos from this week, simply scan the QR code and scroll through the gallery!

Make sure you are following us on Instagram, lead.wi, & Facebook for fun polls, reels, and more!

Word Search

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Be the 1st during breakfast to find the 5 words below and win a **free LEAD WI notebook!** When you find them, report to Hannah Mulvaine to claim your prize!

- Find:**
- LEAD
- Boldness
- Lion
- Prayer
- Purpose

Overheard

“Are you a juicy robot?” - Joseph Backholm

“The only girls I get are the spam ones.” - Anonymous Camper

“Just because he preaches here-sy doesn’t mean he can’t have fun games!” - Sierra John

“Sometimes women want to go in the sewer too.” - Joseph Backholm

“This makes me anxious. I need a textbook.” - Charlie Kirk

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