



## **GOD AND GUNS**

- 1 Do you think guns should be allowed in churches? Why or why not?
- 2 What's your personal experience with guns?
- 3 What do you think the Bible teaches about guns?
- 4 Why do you think the River Church pastors would advertise that they were carrying guns? What about the River incited fear?

## **BIBLES AND BOOB JOBS: THE MONEY AND INFLUENCE OF ORANGE COUNTY CHRISTIANS**

- 1 What did you learn about Christianity in Southern California that surprised you?
- 2 How do you think Southern Californian Christians influenced Evangelicals in the rest of the country?
- 3 Why do you think people thought Pastor Wes was part of the grounds crew or cafe staff? How do you think that made him feel?
- 4 What was your impression of Pastor Tammy? How do you think her husband feels about her ministry and how it diverges from traditional Southern Baptist teaching?

## **YOUNG, FREE-THINKING, AND PRO-TRUMP: MIDWESTERN FARM FAMILIES IN RURAL MISSOURI**

- 1 What were your impressions of the rural Midwest before reading this chapter?
- 2 Were you surprised that these Trump voters seemed to detach their faith from their politics? How did they differ from Evangelical Trump voters?
- 3 Do you think it was hard for the Cole Camp youth to bring together the speakers they heard at the Youth Gathering with their experience in small-town Missouri? Why or why not?
- 4 Where did you experience hope in reading this chapter on rural Missouri?

## **WINNERS AND LOSERS: TRUMP, SPORTS, AND CHRISTIANITY**

- 1 Did you know prior to reading this book how closely tied football and Evangelical Christianity are? What do you think about their close connection?
- 2 Did reading this chapter change the way you felt about the NFL anthem protests? Why or why not?
- 3 Why do you think Coach Kramer said he hasn't read the news in over a year? Do you think there are a lot of Evangelical Trump voters like him? How might that influence future elections?
- 4 Why do you think Coach Weatherbie identified with Trump?

## THE EVANGELICAL INTELLIGENTSIA: WHAT ABOUT “ESTABLISHMENT” CHRISTIANS?

- 1 Do you think that many Evangelicals were part of the Never Trump movement? Why or why not?
- 2 Do you think Republican establishment support of Trump and Evangelical support of Trump are closely tied together? Why or why not?
- 3 Why do you think Brad Todd came around to support Trump despite calling him a “flimflammer?”
- 4 Why do you think Steve Larkin said that, as an establishment Republican, he had no respect in Washington anymore?

## EVANGELICAL WOMEN AND DONALD TRUMP: WHO’S GRABBING WHOM?

- 1 What do you think Evangelicals thought of the incident on the bus with Billy Bush?
- 2 Why didn’t Trump’s denigration of women influence Evangelical women not to vote for him?
- 3 What role did complementarianism and purity theology have in Evangelicals’ support of Trump despite his sexist behavior?
- 4 Do you think Beth Moore is influencing Christian conservatives? Why or why not?

## LESS CONSERVATIVE, MORE CONSEQUENTIAL: RURAL RUST BELT RED STATE CHRISTIANS IN APPALACHIA AND CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

- 1 What did you think about Rust Belt Trump voters before reading this chapter?
- 2 How were the Altoona and Central Pennsylvania voters similar to the rural Midwestern farmers in Missouri in chapter 5? How were they different?
- 3 What role do you think the opioid epidemic played in Rust Belt Christians’ support of Trump?
- 4 How was the Rust Belt voters’ patriotism and support of Trump different from the Christian nationalism at Prestonwood Baptist?

## CONSERVATIVE CATHOLICS: BUILDING A NEW AMERICAN KINGDOM AND DEFYING THE POPE

- 1 Why do you think so many Catholics supported Trump despite Catholics in the past being reliably Democrat? What changed?
- 2 Why do you think Trump convinced so many Catholics in his conversion from Pro-Choice to Pro-Life?
- 3 What was your impression of Thomas More College?
- 4 What about New Hampshire made it a place for Trump to win the Republican primary overwhelmingly, despite being part of liberal New England?

## RED-STATE ARABS: CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS, AND EVANGELICALS IN HOUSTON

- 1 What struck you about Houston's many faith communities and how Hurricane Harvey brought them together?
- 2 What surprised you about the Arab Christians of Houston?
- 3 What surprised you about Houston's large Muslim community?
- 4 Do you think Arab Christians have regretted their support of Trump? Why or why not?

## ON THE BORDER: DONALD TRUMP AND LATINX CHRISTIANS

- 1 Do you think more Latinx Christians would support Trump if it wasn't for his positions on immigration?
- 2 Why do you think so many people who are of Mexican or other Hispanic origin sign up for the Border Patrol?
- 3 How has Trump's immigration policy impacted the city of El Paso?
- 4 What surprised you to learn about immigration and about Mexico in this chapter?

## CONCLUSION

- 1 What questions do you have after reading this book?
- 2 What changes might you consider in your life after reading this book?
- 3 What conversations and with whom are you inspired to have after reading this book?
- 4 What surprised you the most in *Red State Christians*?