

# Daily View

*“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’” Hebrews 3:13*

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When I was editing the weekly *View*,\* I included a column that I called “*The Culture Corner*.” The aim of that column was to help keep parents up-to-date on pop culture and other issues and news that especially affects our young people. I plan to include this in the *Daily View* on Mondays from now on.

The Bible is clear on how Christians should view the culture in which they live. The Bible uses the word “world” instead of “culture.” So, in Romans 12:2, Paul says,

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

“...that you may discern...” requires that we be aware of the cultural trends that threaten us and our children — *and the church*. Since I last published that column, there are a lot of things we need wisdom to discern. Let’s see...

1. A song by Cardi B entitled \*\*\* sits atop the Billboard 100 chart. It has to be the filthiest song to ever make the list. (*I’m not even including the initials because of what they represent; if you dare, look for yourself at <https://www.billboard.com/charts/hot-100>*)
2. At the same time, Lauren Daigle’s beautiful spiritual song, “You Say,” set a record by completing over 100 weeks on Billboard hot charts.

These two songs could not be further apart in the messages they convey. One is by a wildly popular singer, Cardi B, singing lyrics that glorifies the first three entries listed in Galatians 5:19 under “works of the flesh” — “*sexual immorality*,” “*impurity*” and “*sensuality*” and the other is a song by a woman who glorifies God for his grace.

These songs seem to mark the division in our world today. Not since the 1960s have I witnessed such a wide divergence in politics and morality — in some respects, it’s much worse. There are political extremes on the right and left that parents should make themselves aware of and should be talking to their kids about. “Election year” politics, hype and confusion, Donald Trump, Joe Biden, BLM (the organization, not the slogan), Antifa, protests and rioting, LGBTQ issues, Planned Parenthood, The 1619 Project, Critical Race Theory, the Constitution of the United States — especially the Bill of Rights — are just a few things parents of teens and young adults should be tuned in to.

## **Do not rely on the media for your information.**

There is no news organization that doesn’t have a political or social ax to grind these days. Journalism, as I studied it in the 1960s, has ceased to exist. Journalists, in the pure sense of the word, are exceedingly rare. Most are opinion-peddlers.

So, do your own research; read widely and go to the source to see what the organization or political person or party actually believes and supports. Most importantly, of course, compare a person’s or organization’s views and values by the standards of Jesus. If Jesus wouldn’t approve of a person or an organization, how can we?

## From Culture Translator

### Survival of the Flexible-est

**What it is:** Family dynamics are becoming frayed as

blended and remote learning carry into the new school year.

#### **Why it’s about heart, not hustle:**

Many of us hoped that pandemic-related restrictions would be a thing of the past with the dawn of a new academic year.

Unfortunately, that’s not the reality.

Instead of a light at the end of the tunnel, back-to-school season may feel like an oncoming train. Juggling careers, extracurriculars, and homework in

addition to providing a healthy and stable

home life for teens always felt like a lot. Add in a continually disrupted and unpredictable learning schedule, and it might feel impossible. There are learning resources aplenty, but parents need encouragement, balance, and creativity. Remember that teens are absorbing our attitudes more than their algebra lessons, and none of what’s happening is their fault.

**FYI:** Is Gen Z more frugal than previous generations?

Yes, probably. According to data published in the *New York Post*, nearly half of Gen Z already have a savings account that they contribute to regularly. 72% of those surveyed said that they are “always trying to come up with creative ways to save money,” and 28% said that they cut coupons to stretch their dollars. Nearly half said that buying secondhand or refurbished is important, not just for saving money, but to avoid being wasteful. Be encouraged that many of your teen’s peers are discussing practical ways to hedge their bets and think ahead.



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