

Race, religion and gender in US politics: An analysis of Christian right-wing women and the issues that matter to them

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Mama Bears

- Christian mothers that use their children's protection to promote and justify their political views
- Reason to protect their children changes throughout history (antisemitism (1930s/40s), anti-communism and anti-internationalism (1950s), anti-desegregation (1960s), anti-feminism (1970s), anti-gay (1980s and 1990s) and anti-abortion throughout)

Key findings:

“Save the children” rhetoric today: protecting their children from progressive policies like LGBTQ+ issues, critical race theory, comprehensive sex education, and vaccinations, echoing historical movements where motherhood served as a basis for political engagement

Anti-vax: view vaccines as promoting a globalist agenda and infringing on individual rights. COVID regulations serving as a gateway into a broader anti-vaccination movement focused on individual freedoms.

Homeschool movement: Today, used by some mothers to counter perceived excessive government control over education and values. Frame themselves as divinely appointed primary educators to foster a closer family connection



My research project aimed to analyse how race, religion and gender combine to influence US politics, and how these condition white evangelical support for Donald Trump. The work strives to understand what the most important issues are to Christian right-wing women in the present, as well as what women's role is in US religious and political relationships. I was assigned two specific groups of women to research: Black Female Conservative Activists and Mama Bears.



Candace Owens. Black Conservative influencer and activist, fierce Trump supporter. Co-founded the BLEXIT foundation in 2018

Black Conservative Activists

- minority in terms of race and gender within the Republican Party
- interesting in their ways of staking out these identities to promote anti-abortion and anti-government intervention agendas
- Overall, these women wish to exit the victimhood mindset that they say is perpetuated by the Democrat Party (seen in BLEXIT foundation= black exit from the victimhood mindset).

Key findings:

Framing race and racism: Reject systemic racism, focus on personal effort and empowerment, belief that racism creates a victimhood mindset that disempowers individuals.

Abortion: view abortion as disproportionately harming the Black community, framing it as a form of "Black genocide"

Individual empowerment: Emphasizing individual responsibility and self-reliance, oppose identity politics and government intervention