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*Psalm 11*



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## **Psalms 11:1-7 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. In the LORD I put my trust; How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain"? <sup>2</sup> For look! The wicked bend their bow, They make ready their arrow on the string, That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart.



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## **Psalm 11:1-7 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do? <sup>4</sup> The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. <sup>5</sup> The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.



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## **Psalm 11:1-7 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup. <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.



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- ◆ **David often was in "dire straits."**
- ◆ **Many sought to kill him, from King Saul to his own son Absalom**
- ◆ **Psalms provide great encouragement to those surrounded by enemies and wickedness!**



# **“IF THE FOUNDATIONS ARE DESTROYED”**



- ◆ **Vs 1-3 David's Temptation to flee**
- ◆ **Vs 4 - The Lord Is In His Holy Temple,**
- ◆ **Vs 5-6 - God Can Be Counted On**
- ◆ **Vs 7 - The Lord Loves Righteousness**



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Vs 1-3 -  
How  
Can You  
Suggest  
We Flee?

- ◆ David was advised to give up on the Lord and “flee as a bird” . . .
- ◆ David rejects their proposal – placing his TRUST in God . . .
- ◆ What can the righteous do if the “foundations are destroyed?”



# “IF THE FOUNDATIONS ARE DESTROYED”

**God STILL reigns, He is STILL in charge . . .**

- ◆ The Lord KNOWS what is going on!! (4)
- ◆ God does NOT remove all opposition to the righteous . . . “He test the righteous . . .” (Job 1,2; Acts 14:22; 2 Tim. 3:12; Heb 11:32-38; 1 Pet 2:20,21 . . .)

Vs 4 -  
The Lord  
Is In His  
Holy  
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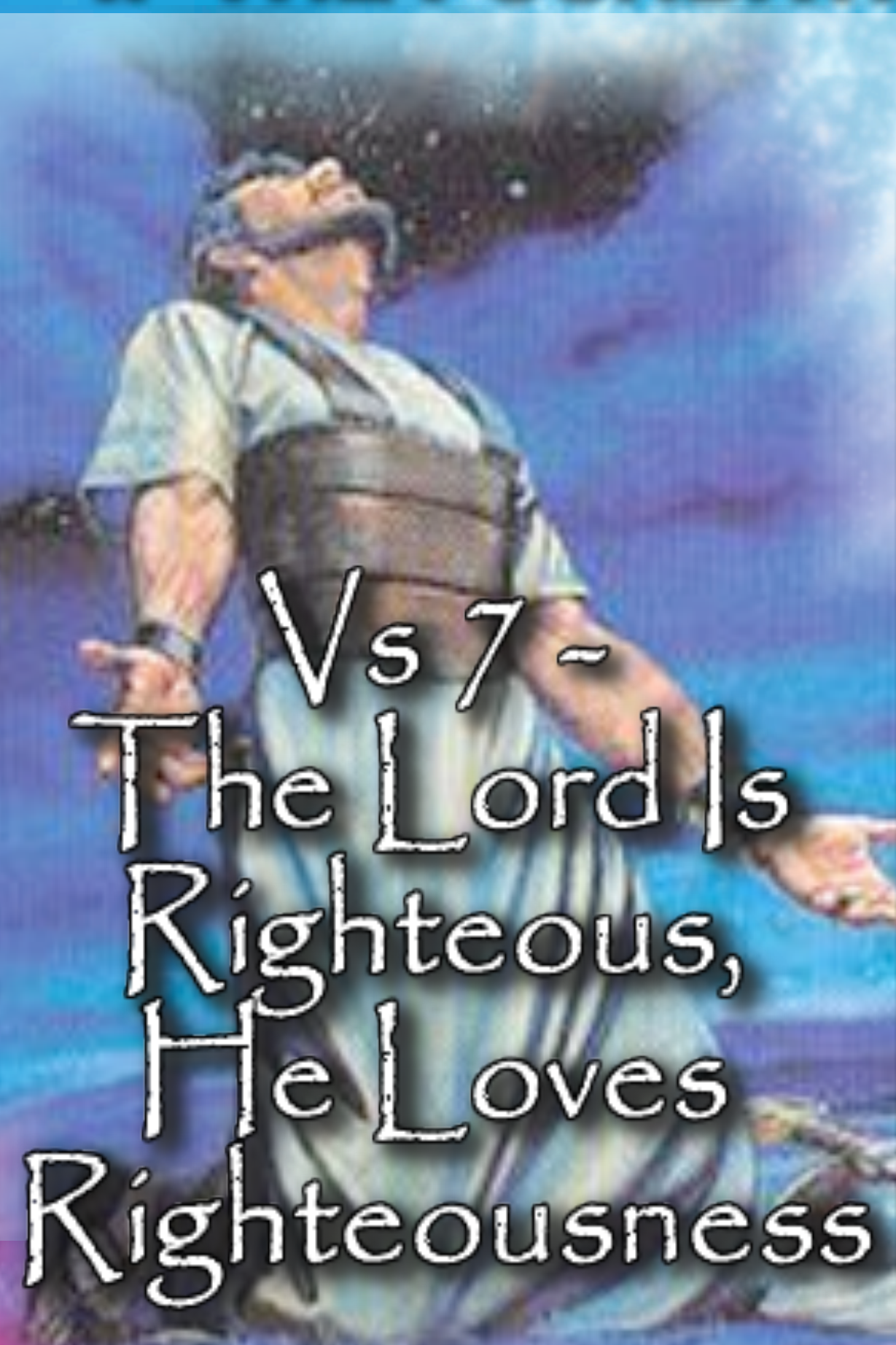
Vs. 5,6  
God can  
be counted  
on to do  
what He  
promises

## The Lord Is Faithful To His Word

- ◆ He promises never to fail nor forsake us - Deut 31:6, 8 Heb 13:5-6
- ◆ “God is for us, who can be against us?” Rom 8:31
- ◆ God promises salvation for the righteous, & destruction for the wicked, - God will KEEP His promises - 2 Tim 2:11-13; 2 Thes 1:7-9



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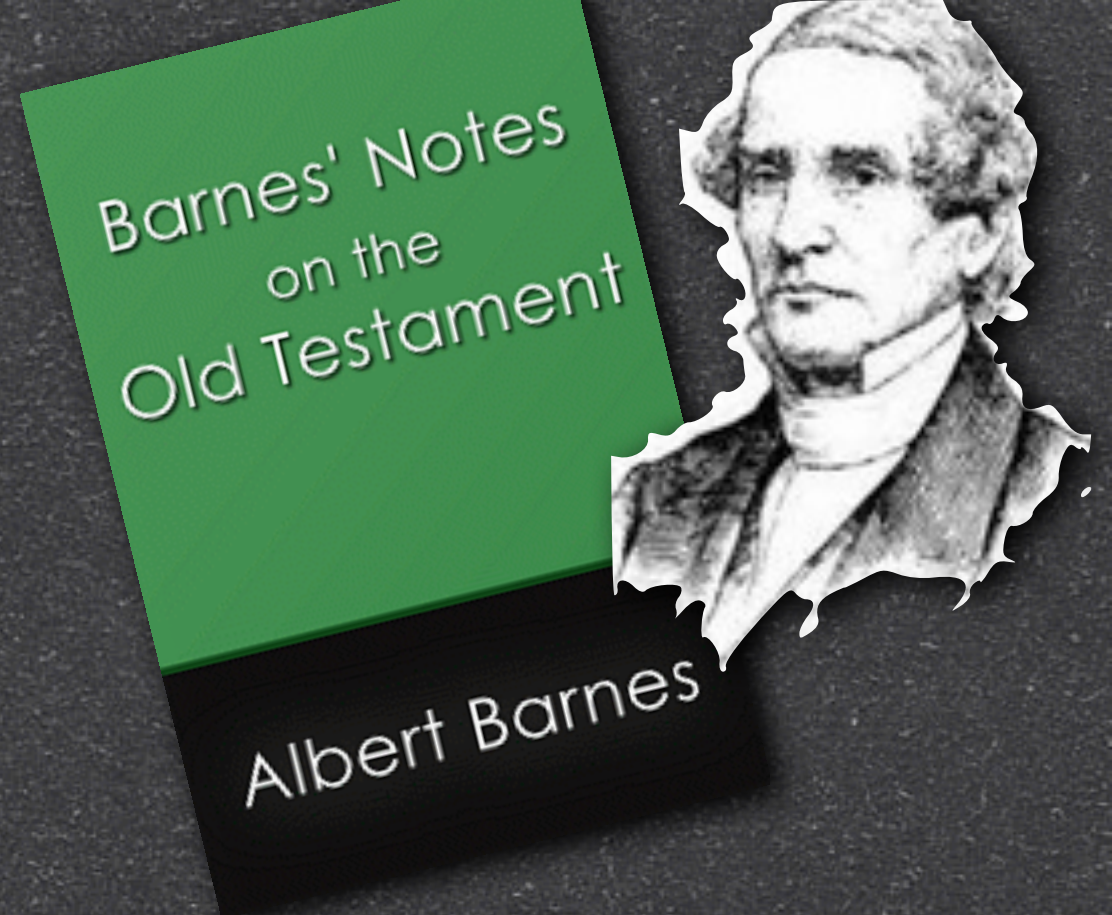


Vs 7 -  
The Lord Is  
Righteous,  
He Loves  
Righteousness

## God is “just”- He will do what is right

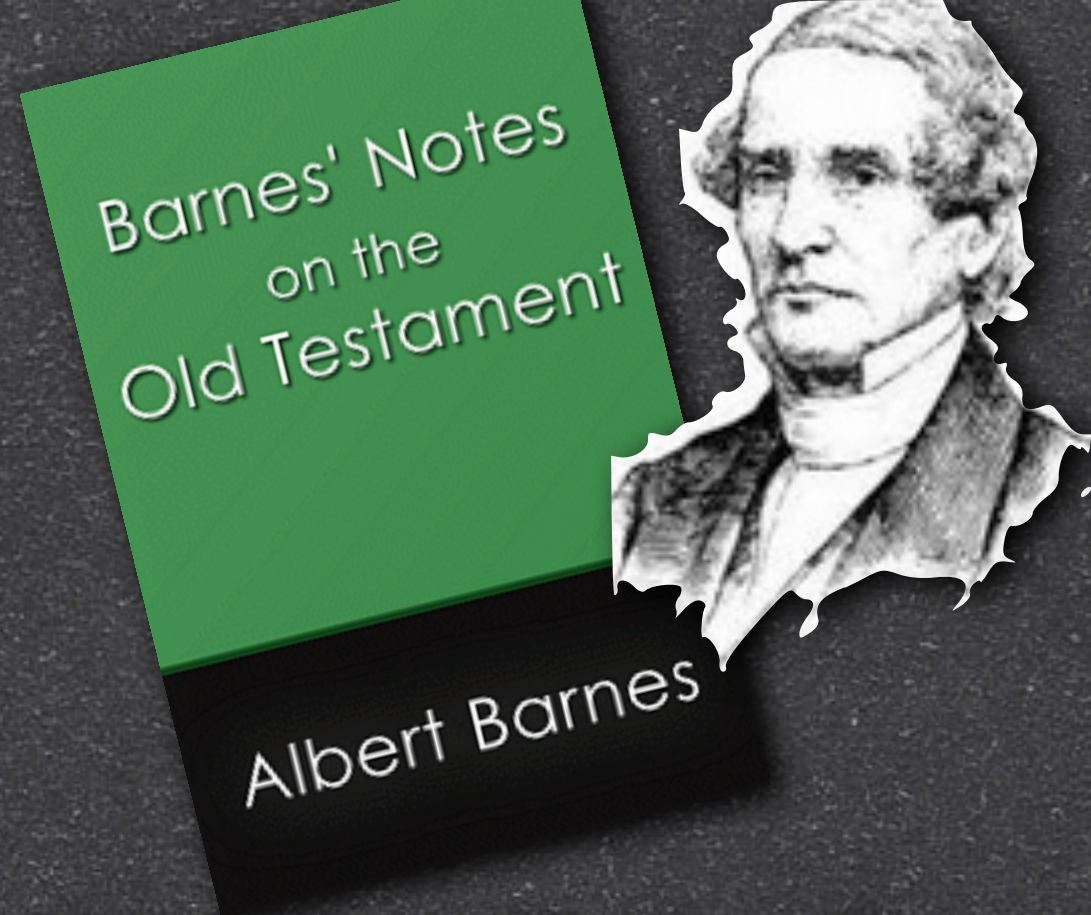
- ◆ The Lord looks with favor upon those who practice righteousness!! - Psalm 5:12; Mat 5:6; Acts 10:35; 24:25; I John 3:7
- ◆ The Lord hates wickedness - Psalm 45:7; I Pet 3:12
- ◆ Our righteousness depends upon forgiveness & obedience – Rom 4:5-8; 6:16-18





**BARNES:** ‘The word “foundations,” here, refers to those things on which society rests, or by which social order is sustained – the great principles of truth and righteousness that uphold society, as the foundations on which an edifice rests uphold the building.’





The reference is to a destruction of those things in a community, when truth is no longer respected; when justice is no longer practiced; when fraud and violence have taken the place of honesty and honor; when error prevails; when a character for integrity and virtue affords no longer any security.'





# IN THE WORLD

## Atheism, Agnosticism, and Humanism

- ◆ Fueled Germany's Fascism and Hitler's Nazism
- ◆ Communism / China / North Korea
- ◆ Humanistic Influence in Psychology / New Age Movement
- ◆ Goal to destroy religion





# IN THE WORLD

## False Religion / Paganism / Terrorism

- ◆ Buddhism / Hinduism . . .
- ◆ Judaism / Cults
- ◆ Catholicism / Denominationalism
- ◆ Islam - Goal to destroy (convert or kill), every religion & people who do not agree with them . . .





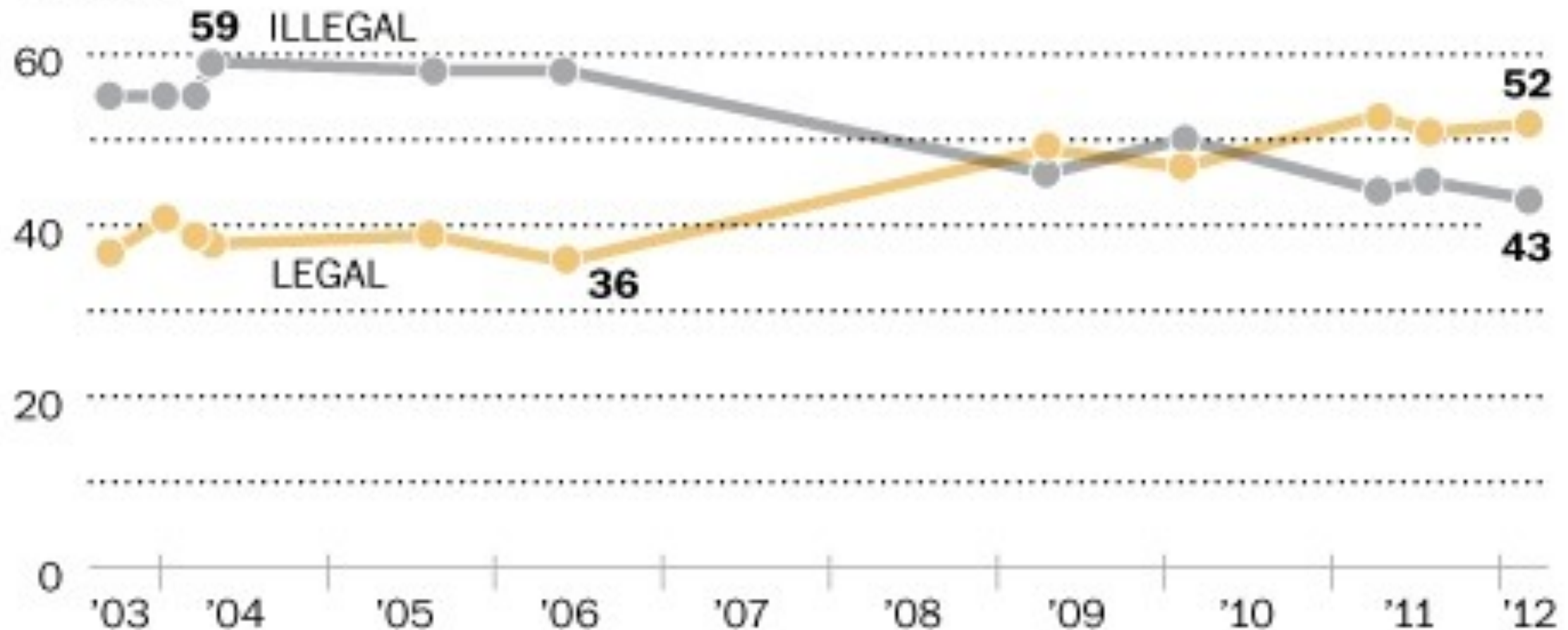
# IN THIS COUNTRY

- ◆ **The push for a pure secular society through the education system.**
- ◆ **Money / Pleasure / Fame - primary pursuits**
- ◆ **Alcohol & Drug abuse / Crime / "Band-Aide fixes**
- ◆ **Corrupt justice system / crooked politicians**
- ◆ **Immorality generally accepted – (fornication, adultery, homosexuality)**
- ◆ **Abortion - Euthanasia**



**Q:** Do you think it should be legal or illegal for same-sex couples to get married?

PERCENT



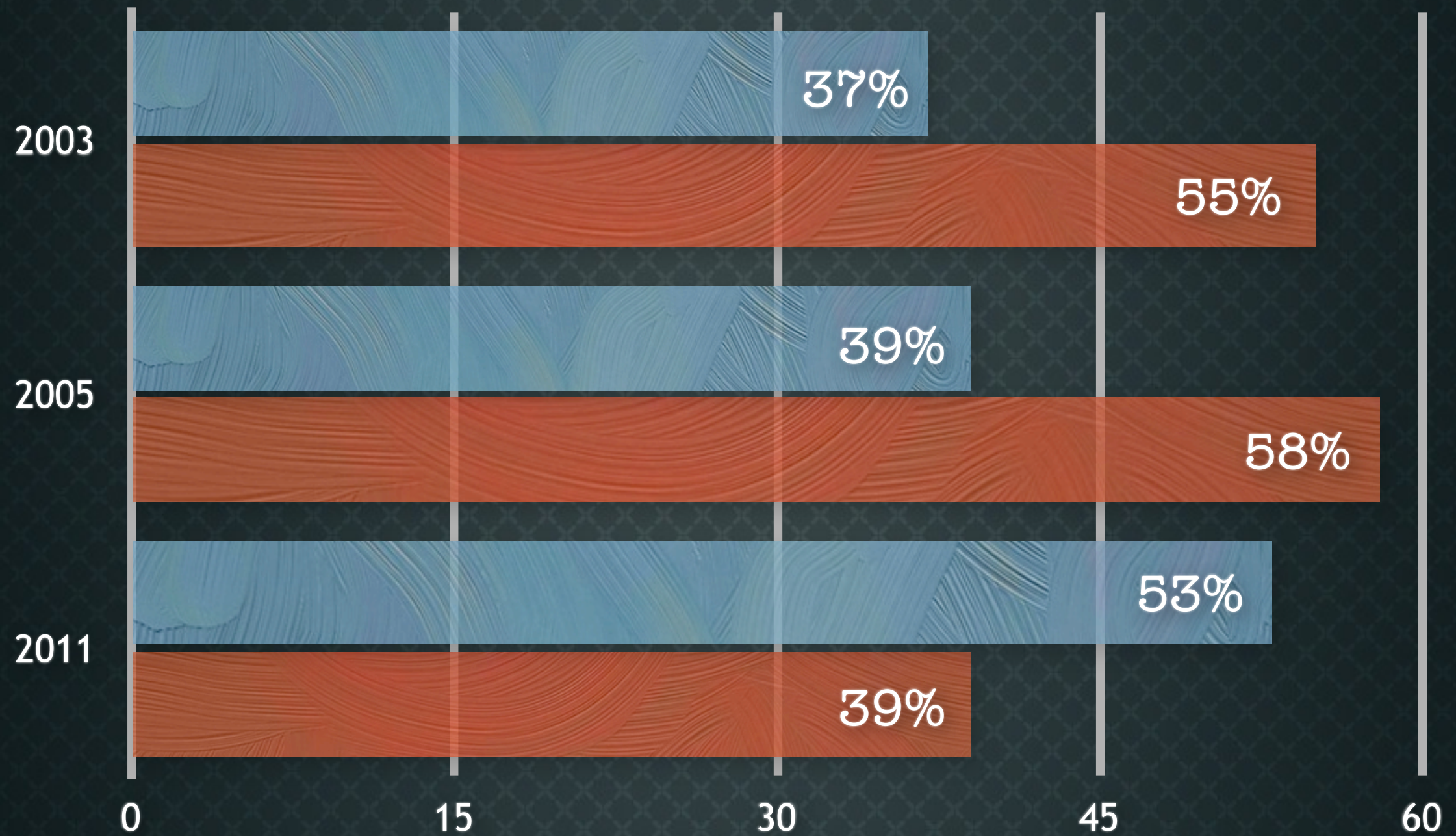
**The Washington Post – ABC News poll**

- ★ surveys conducted by the Washington Post and ABC News since May 2011 have shown from 51 percent to 53 percent of Americans saying it should be legal for gay and lesbian couples to marry, with 43 percent to 45 percent saying it should be illegal.



■ For Gay Marriage

■ Against Gay Marriage





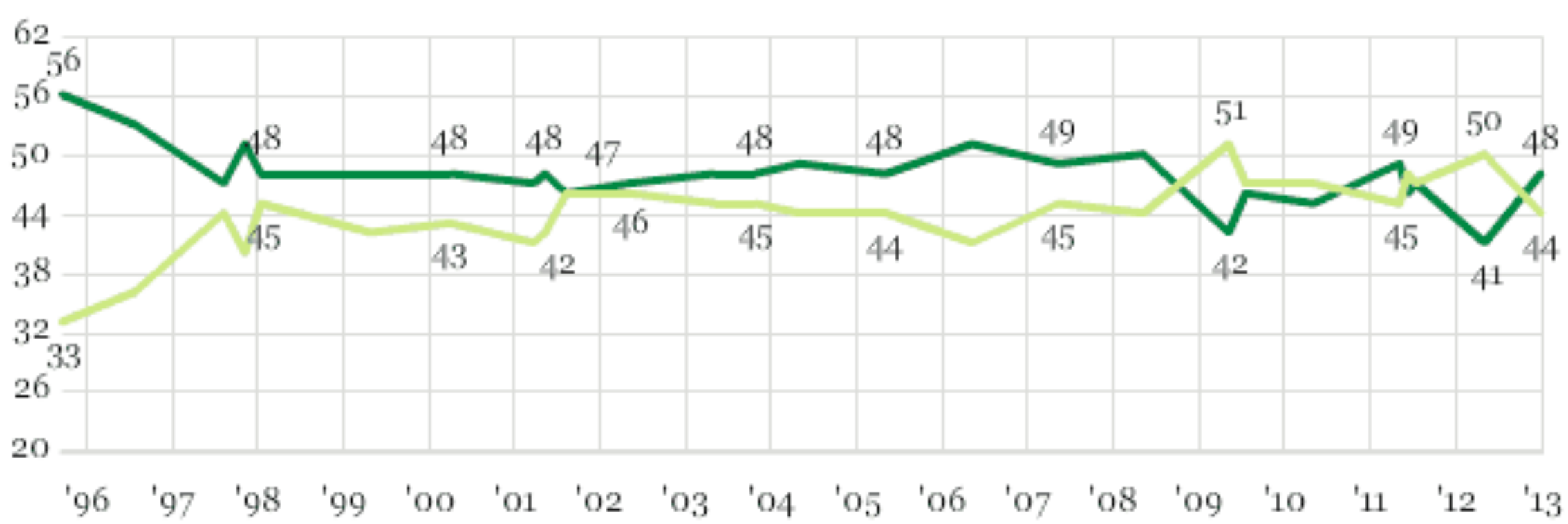
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*With respect to the abortion issue, would you consider yourself to be pro-choice or pro-life?*

Trend from polls where pro-life/pro-choice was asked after question on legality of abortion

■ % Pro-choice    ■ % Pro-life







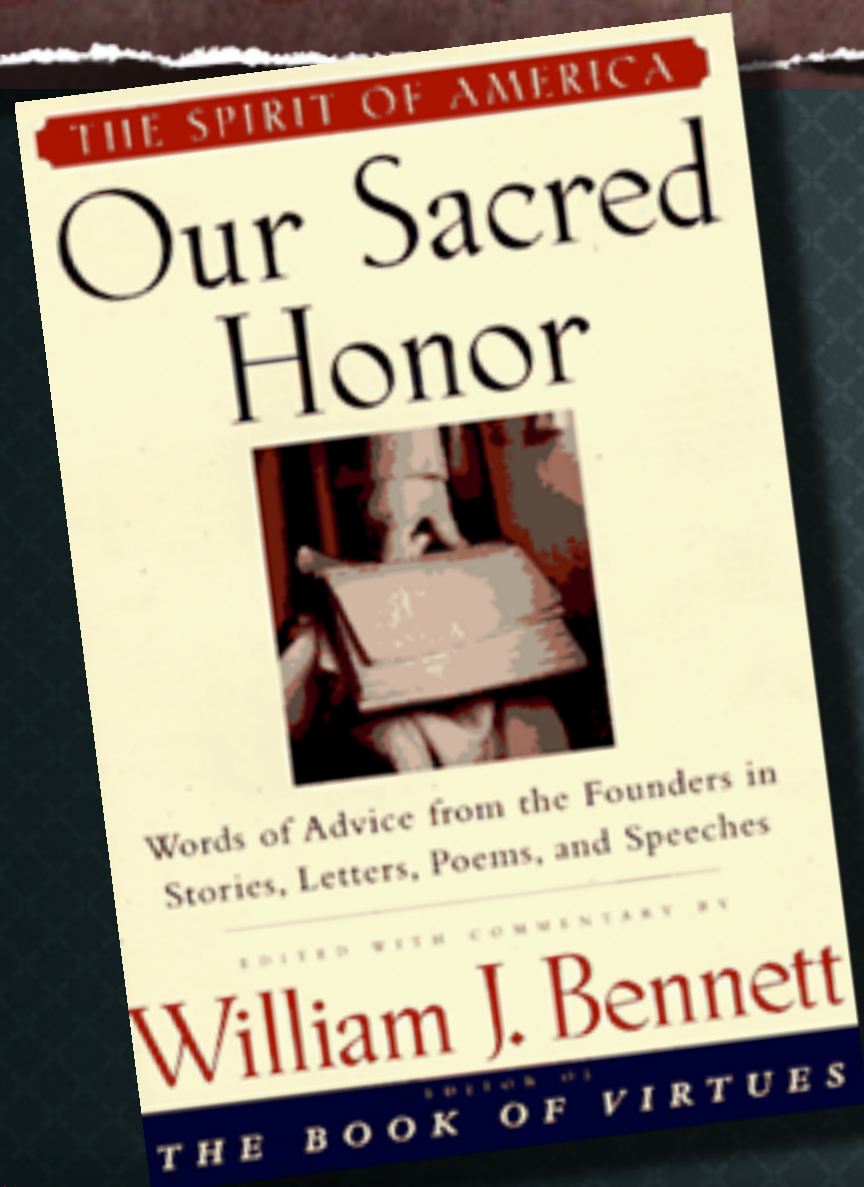
## CNN Politics

January 22nd, 2013

“... 70% say they would not like to see it overturned, with 57% of them saying they feel strongly about their opinion. The 70% mark is the highest number in support of keeping the law since the poll was first conducted in July 1989, when 58% felt the same way.”

NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll,





**Proverbs 14:34 (NKJV)**  
Righteousness exalts  
a nation, But sin is  
a reproach to any  
people.





Psalm 127:1 (NKJV)  
Unless the LORD  
builds the house,  
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who build it; Unless  
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## The Family / Foundation of Society

- ♦ Marriage itself is under attack – Same sex marriage, Women's Lib. Movement, Fornication, Divorce, Unscriptural marriage . . .





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In Kate Millet's book  
"Sexual Politics" she  
says, "The family must go  
because it is the family  
that has oppressed and  
enslaved women".





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David Cooper's book 'The  
Death of the Family'  
says, "the best thing  
society could do is to  
abolish the family  
altogether".





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- ✦ HUMANISM glorifies individualism & selfishness - (Rom. 1:22-26)
- ✦ AMORAL philosophy (Rom 1:27-32)
- ✦ MEDIA invasion (1John 2:15)
- ✦ SECULAR mindset (Mt. 6:19-20)





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- ◆ Respect God's institution -  
Gen 2:24; Mat 19:3-9
- ◆ Respect God's order -  
Eph 5:22-29; Col 3:18-21
- ◆ Fulfill God's will & purpose -  
Dt. 6:2-10; Eph 6:4; Mal 2:13ff





I Timothy 3:15 (NKJV)  
but if I am delayed, I  
write so that you may  
know how you ought  
to conduct yourself in  
the house of God,  
which is the church of  
the living God, the  
pillar and ground of the  
truth.

## The Church

- ◆ Disrespect for the authority of scripture - 2 Tim 3:16,17; 2 John 9
- ◆ Division / pride / carnality / doctrines of men - 1 Cor. 1:10-13; 3:1-6; Mat 15:7-9;





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## The Church

- ◆ Return to the standard - Jer 6:16;
- ◆ Submitting to Jesus brings unity in faith, practice & attitudes - John 17:20,21; Eph 4:1-6





## ISAIAH 33:5-6 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. <sup>6</sup> Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the LORD is His treasure.





**In The World**  
**In The U.S.**  
**In The Home**  
**In The Church**

- ◆ Stand firm / be faithful - Mat 7:21-26; Rev 2:10
- ◆ Remember - The Lord Is In His Holy Temple - Acts 5:38,39
- ◆ Know - God Can Be Counted On To Keep His Word! - Rom 8:28-39; Titus 1:1,2
- ◆ Trust - The Lord Rewards The Righteousness - 2 Thes 1:7-10





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