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Announcer (00:00:00) - This is just common sense. Embracing common sense conservative principles with Doctor Johnny Hunter.

Troy Williams (00:00:18) - And hello there, my name is Troy Williams again. I'm back and I'm excited about being on Just Common Sense filling in for Reverend Jonny Hunter. And we're excited about what's going on in the world and in America. And I appreciate the Rev having me, uh, filling in for him to pitch hit. That's a lot going on in America. Now. One of the things that jumps to mind is a lot of people are recognizing what's happening at our border. That truly is a crisis. What is happening at our border. Let me just put it in perspective for you. So in the month of December, there were over 300,000 illegal immigrants that came across the border. If you put that into perspective, that is the population basically of Cumberland County, North Carolina. Imagine that. So you have over 300,000 people coming across the border.

Troy Williams (00:01:10) - Now, I guess the thing that and the question that we have for all of that is what do we do with our resources when we have that many individuals that are coming across our border, and how do we sustain them? First of all, you have all these young people. Where are these people going to be housed at? How these young people are going to be educated, and where are the resources going to come from to take care of them? I'm sure you're familiar with what's going on at our border states. Many of them are saying, hey, look, we cannot sustain this. And so what we're going to do, we're going to put them on the bus and we're going to send them somewhere else, what they call sanctuary cities and New York, Chicago, all these other places. And they're getting upset because they're sending these individuals across the border. And then you ask yourself, okay, well, now they don't want them there. But these people that are border state communities, what do they do? One instance was where a border state congressperson and some others went to a part in Texas where they were going to just see how many were coming across.

Troy Williams (00:02:17) - And it's obvious that these people have their own political network. So when the legislative officials go down on that day or that week to look at what's going on all of a sudden, guess what happens? No one is coming across the border. So they know very well, and they're connected as to what's going on. We're going to have to take a real hard, serious look at this. This is not something new for what's going on in America. If you can look at American history going all the way back into the 20s and the 30s, the migrant labor that comes across the border, particularly the ones that come across the border to do things, is hugely impactful. The notion is that, hey, look, if we don't get these individuals into America, who is going to do the work? I don't know, but I believe that Americans are willing to do the work for the adequate pay. The challenge is, if someone is across the board illegally and you're paying them, then you can support them.

Troy Williams (00:03:22) - And because they have no way of really complaining to anyone because they're illegal citizens anyway, I mean, they're illegal people in our country anyway, and they don't have the right to demand anything. However, we are backed up against the wall with those kinds of things that are going on. Another facet to the whole border crisis is going to be the voting piece. And perhaps some of, you know, some of you don't know that in some communities, illegals are allowed to vote in local elections. Now, as of yet, they can't vote in federal elections. However, there are some that would desire for them to be able to vote in federal elections. I heard one legislator say to my congressperson, say, hey, look, if they have a driver's license, then they should be able to vote. So quite naturally, people



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allowing these people and behind them to come across the border so that they can say, hey, look, this builds our voter base, but we have this present administration, the the Biden administration.

Troy Williams (00:04:31) - Their backs are up against the wall with the border crisis. The border crisis is one of the main areas that is hurting this administration. And isn't it ironic that the criticism of President Donald Trump now? Some of the things that he wanted to happen concerning the border. They're actually doing them. I mean, the wall, all those other kind of things and say, oh, we can't, we can't, we can't do that. We can't do that. We can't do that. That's not what America is about. Well, you know, if we have a porous border where anybody can just walk across, uh, anytime they want to. That's not a country, really. That's not a country. And so here we are. Now, the criticisms of former President Donald Trump, this administration is embracing some of the very things that he advocated for and that he was doing. So, you know, we're kind of stuck in a rut here with this whole thing, with what are we going to do about our border and how are we going to protect ourselves? Lastly, one real threat that we have is we just don't know how many terrorists are walking across the border.

Troy Williams (00:05:43) - It represents a real problem for America when we have individuals that are walking across the border, and we don't know the ones that are coming across the border, not only are they bringing drugs, however, we have people that don't mean us well, and they're out there. They're hurt us. These are real challenges that I think that America is going to have to take a real hard look at to try and bring about some effective change, particularly there. I feel sad for the the border communities that have to take the brunt of this, because their resources are being exhausted. Certainly crime is up. I remember reading one time how this one highway in Arizona was so bad that they were just driving them down the road, shooting each other and the police. They were hampered because of their resources, couldn't even really fight them back. And then there are others that are saying that, hey, look, if these people are detained by local police, then there are some that are saying that we're not going to hold them.

Troy Williams (00:06:50) - For federal authorities even had this go on in North Carolina with some of our local elected sheriffs that are saying, hey, look, we're committed to these individuals such that if whatever they do, we're not going to turn them over to federal authorities. Again, these are the kinds of things that I think that America is going to have to take a long, hard look at. Uh, are we a compassionate country? Of course we are. Uh, we're Christians, uh, we believe in and helping people. Uh, you all are people of faith. But then. But then again, the real thing is, uh, more than that. So here we are. We are a land of laws. What's the sense in having laws if you're not going to abide by them? So the border crisis abounds all the more. And, uh, that is one of the topics for the day. Just common sense. Now, let's move on over to, uh, the what's going on in the Middle East now? Of course.

Troy Williams (00:07:54) - Uh, I think that anyone that, uh, is picking a side in that it's difficult to see what is going on, uh, between the Palestinian, uh, uh, advocates and Israel. But I would say this, though, as Americans, um, when we look at Israel, it's been the only democracy in that part of the world. I think it's understandable why America would want to defend Israel. Um, and then again, uh, another piece out of that is, uh, when. Uh, we have the former head of, uh, Mr. Gay. Doctor Gay was the former head of Harvard University when she and some others, uh, were called before Congress and they were asked about what was going on on their college campuses and as particularly with, uh, students that were advocating genocide. And this was their response. Well, it depends on the context. Okay. Okay. Now



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that's a real head scratcher there for me. Uh, how do you say that? It depends on context when you are advocating genocide.

Troy Williams (00:09:07) - I mean, genocide is going to be terrible and bad. I don't care how you frame it. I don't care what kind of context is in. Uh, however, uh, of course, you know, uh, miss Gay has lost her job, and, uh, another, uh, school head institution had lost their job. So now the rebuttal is, well, this is about racism. Really? Okay, how is it about racism when you are in the midst of something of that nature? Now, miss Gay, this is not about racism. This is about common sense. You are advocating that, uh, students should be allowed to advocate for genocide. Other people. Now, mind you, I'm sure you have some Jewish students on campus as well. Um, but this is the thing that bothers me. Look, if they were there, if they were saying something against the LGBT crowd, I guarantee you, uh, there would be a whole new perspective on this. If you advocate against the LGBT, uh, community, then you're going to lose your job.

Troy Williams (00:10:19) - And no student is going to be allowed to do that. However, um, there was a sense that it was okay to advocate for genocide of, uh, of Jewish people, and that was okay. And so when you get caught in the middle of that and now you're going to advocate and say, well, this is about racism, you know, because now, uh, she only had held the job six months. Uh, so what happens is once she did that and the Harvard board of directors kind of buckled down, then the people began to go look at what she had written in the past and all those other things that they found instances of plagiarism. Okay. Well, you know, that's what happens when you get in the middle of something. People have the opportunity to go look and see what you've done and what you've said. And, uh, it's reported that over 50 times. Some people say 100 times that in her previous writings that she has plagiarized or did not give someone adequate credit for something that they have done now.

Troy Williams (00:11:23) - So you got caught. And now the notion is that, oh, it's about racism. Uh oh. It's about, uh, you're not giving an African American woman or a black woman, uh, the, the, uh, the time to do her thing. And we were we were after her already. No, it doesn't work like that. It doesn't work like that. I think that, you know, when we run, uh, in front of those kinds of things and we get behind those things, and we're saying that everything is not about racism, and really, it's about right, and it's about wrong. It really is. Now, I will acknowledge that when I first heard, uh, and that she was defending, uh, the whole notion that, uh, genocide could be used in some type of language at the university, I was surprised and I was dismayed, and it just didn't make sense to me now, in the afterthought, because I read, uh, an Op-Ed that she had written in the, um, uh, New York Times.

Troy Williams (00:12:26) - She said it was a setup. How was it a setup when they asked you a question and you respond accordingly? There was no setup, really. There was no setup. The, uh, the setup was, uh, the notion that there's a politically motivated, uh, sense of things going on at Harvard and, uh, she, she just wind up on the wrong side of things. Um, so what do we do moving forward? I think that, uh, during particularly this weekend, a lot of people looking at, uh, the, uh, Doctor King celebrations that are going around on going on in this community. Uh, this is the 38th year that this country, uh, has set aside a day to honor, uh, Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. But what was this man really about? Uh, I think all of us asked the question, how would he feel about what's going on in a. Right now. Okay. Uh, let's be honest. Uh, in Cumberland County here, we have either, uh, 50 or 51 homicides, uh, that have occurred.



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Troy Williams (00:13:39) - Uh, and let's get to the truth of this. Uh, 99% of those homicides were committed by African Americans, and 99% of the people accused of killing those victims were African Americans. Uh, and we can't seemingly have a real conversation about that. Uh, I think that we're Doctor King. Be concerned about that. I think it would be, uh, I think that he would be definitely concerned. Would he be concerned that, uh, in all fairness, that we need to be fair to everybody? Would he be concerned that, uh, I could say this okay, for me to use the N-word? But I can't say that my Caucasian or white neighbor can't use the N-word. If the N-word is a bad word, then nobody should be using it. It should be something that nobody chooses to use. Um, Doctor King is one of only three persons that have a national holiday. Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Has a holiday. George Washington has a holiday, and Christopher Columbus have a holiday.

Troy Williams (00:14:45) - So there's only three individuals. Um, so in this 38 year that America, uh, has paused to honor this man, uh, I think that, um, we need to look at what this man really was about and, uh, where he was coming from with regard to a lot of things politically, people would say that he was right or left. I would say that, uh, I believe that Doctor King was living now, that he probably be registered, uh, unaffiliated. However, we know that he did have some conservative views about a number of things. And I believe that those views, uh, would be, uh, foremost in the front right now when we're having these discussions. Um, too bad we can't bring him back and asked him, what do you think? We have individuals now that would choose to speak for him and say that he would say one thing or the other? Uh, it wasn't until the year 2000 that all 50 states recognized, um, this national holiday.

Troy Williams (00:15:55) - And even now there are two states that don't recognize Doctor King alone. They recognize the Confederate General Robert E Lee, and that is the state of Mississippi and Alabama. And, uh, they have that right. But again, uh, we have, uh, difficult discussions in this country, uh, when it comes to race. Um, and now when we talk about, uh, diversity, uh, inclusion and equality, uh, it's expanded beyond, uh, skin color and to a whole lot of other things now. And I think that it's going to be really interesting as America moves forth in the 21st century. There was a Harris Poll taken in 1968, and believe it or not. On Martin Luther. Martin Luther King's junior numbers. He had 75% of the people in this country, uh, did not like him and did not support him. Uh, his numbers was worse than anyone that you could imagine now. Now, those were bad numbers, even in the 60s. But, you know, time has a way of healing a lot of things as we move forth.

Troy Williams (00:17:10) - Uh, as we went into the 21st century. Uh, that same man is now, uh, revered as one of the most influential, uh, individuals to have lived in the 20th century. All of that changed. Uh, because of time. And I believe that we're living in a time warp now. So I would want to encourage you individuals out there that particularly people of faith, that. What you believe to be right. Uh, this you're getting a lot of pushback on. Hold on to it. Uh, I believe that in time, people are going to find out that you were right. Doctor King, like I said, 75% of the people in 1968 were against him. Uh, not only we're talking about racialized, uh, uh, Caucasians or white people. There were a number of African Americans that did not understand him as well. When you are visionary and you're trying to affect change, it's not going to be easy for a lot of people to embrace what you're saying. However, now looking back, we see what he was talking about with a lot of things.

Troy Williams (00:18:22) - Now, he said this. He said a person should not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. That means everybody. That that's just not one. One race.



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That's everybody. So, uh, when I see my, uh, Caucasian or white friends, uh, it's the same thing applicable to them. I should judge them not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. And as an African American, I would hope the same thing would be for me or my Asian brothers or my Native American brothers, uh, or whomever comes to the table. I believe that that's the way it should work. Um, now, in an ideal society, that's the way things would work. But we know that's simply not the way things are. Well, people tend to judge us. Uh, by the way we look. Uh, a lot of things. And, um, there was a time, I believe, that, uh, because black people didn't have power, uh, that they didn't have an ability to be racist in the sense of affecting someone's life.

Troy Williams (00:19:38) - But times have changed. Just think about what, here in Cumberland County, we have a majority city council. That's African American. Uh, we have a majority board of commissioners. That's African Americans. These are people with power. And, uh, these individuals with power have the opportunity, uh, if you will, to exercise that power against someone that doesn't look like them. Um, and so that's where America is now. So we're going to have to bear down and make some changes. As the good reverend would say, just common sense. So I say to you individuals out there, uh, thank you for tuning in. And, uh, again, brother Troy Williams, thank you for having me in, uh, today to fill in for, uh, Reverend Hunter. And we're going to sign off. But again, uh. Hold on. Everything's going to be alright. I believe that, um, there's an old saying that I say to my friends sometimes, I said, we're too blessed to be distressed, too anointed to be disappointed.

Troy Williams (00:20:45) - Have a great day.

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