

Navigate Conference

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022

Thinking about...

What are *the major trends in Australian culture* about which the church should be concerned?

There are SO MANY...

- ❖ *It's confusing.*
- ❖ *It's divisive.*
- ❖ *It's intentional.*



Personal experience...

Gayby Baby - August 2015

All students will attend a special screening of the feature length documentary **"Gayby Baby"** at Burwood Girls High School Hall on Friday 28 August 2015 during period 2 & 3 followed by purple cupcakes and fashion parade at lunchtime under the rainbow flag

Please wear purple:

- Shoes
- Hats
- Scarves
- Tops
- Jumpers
- Pants
- Socks
- Jewellery
- Skirts



In celebration of
Wear it Purple Day




Maya Newell
(ex-student BGHS 2005)
Director Gayby Baby



Katherine Hudson
(ex-student BGHS 2011)
Co-founder Wear it Purple

Safe Schools - 2016

Change is coming.



Proud to create change in schools


Safe Schools Coalition Australia

Nationally convened by fya FOUNDATION FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS

Safe Schools Coalition Australia is federally funded by the Australian Government Department of Education.

EVERYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO WEAR THE UNIFORM THAT MAKES THEM COMFORTABLE.

NO ONE SHOULD BE MADE TO FEEL UNEASY, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY'RE AT SCHOOL.



GENDER IS NOT UNIFORM

WE SUPPORT GENDER DIVERSITY AND TRANS GENDER STUDENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS. TRANSGENDERS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

Safe Schools Coalition Victoria

Gender

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- Also: Marriage, Abortion, Religious Freedom, Welcome to Country, BLM, CRT

The challenge...

*When Jehoshaphat king of Judah returned safely to his palace in Jerusalem, Jehu the seer, the son of Hanani, went out to meet him and said to the king, “**Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD?** Because of this, the wrath of the LORD is upon you.”
(2 Chron 19:1-2)*



The Issues We Face...

Life and Death

- ❖ *Abortion, euthanasia*
- ❖ *Mental health, suicide*
- ❖ *Climate change?*

Truth and Media

- ❖ *Controlling the narrative*
- ❖ *Cancel Culture*
- ❖ *Mis/disinformation*

Church and State

- ❖ *Funding, Accreditation*
- ❖ *Policy responses*
- ❖ *Diversity, Incl., Equity*

Jesus and Me

Questions of Identity,
Purpose and Hope

Sex and Sexuality

- ❖ *Pornography*
- ❖ *Gender Theory*
- ❖ *What is a 'woman'?*

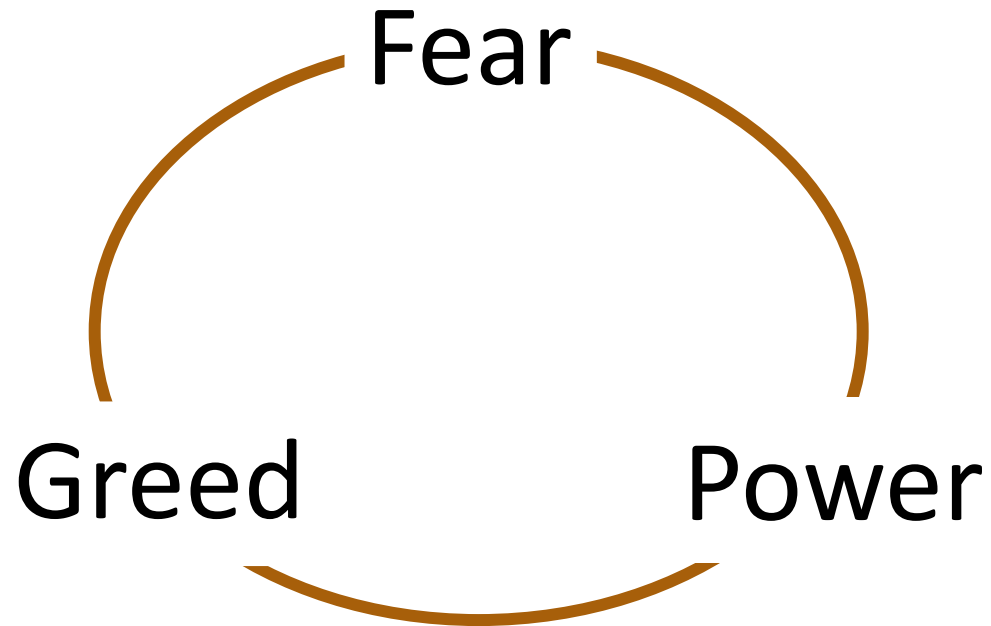
Faith and Freedom

- ❖ *Religious freedom*
- ❖ *Freedom of speech*

History and Culture

- ❖ *Australia as a nation*
- ❖ *Indigenous Rights*

Three idols...



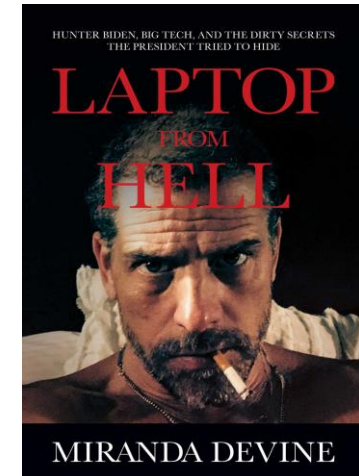
- ❖ “Do not call conspiracy everything this people calls a conspiracy; ***do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it.*** The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, he is the one you are to fear, he is the one you are to dread.” (Isaiah 8:12-13)
- ❖ For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against ***the powers of this dark world*** and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 6:12)
- ❖ For ***the love of money*** is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (1 Timothy 6:10)

America in decline...



❖ The American dream/nightmare

- ❖ 'We the people'?
- ❖ The Constitution?
- ❖ Law and Order?
- ❖ History?
- ❖ Pax Americana?



- ## ❖ We are culturally 'downstream'
- ❖ BLM → Local virtue signalling
 - ❖ CRT → Uni's, corporations, bureaucrats

China Rising

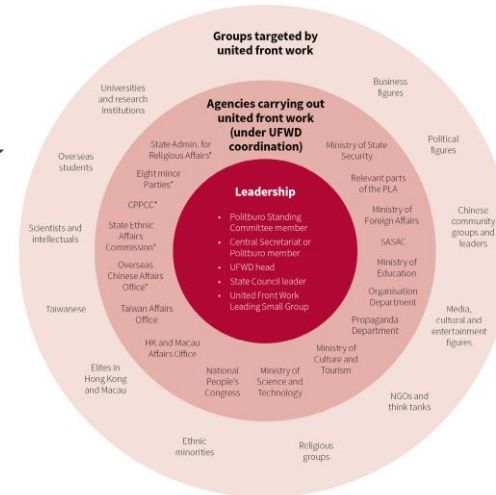
❖ *Xi Jinping thought*

- ❖ Belt and road initiative
- ❖ War without gun-smoke:
Sun Tsu's *The Art of War*.

"A country should aim to make its position 'unassailable' and to 'break the enemy's resistance without fighting.'"

❖ *United Front Work*

- ❖ See: Alex Joske's policy brief 32/2020

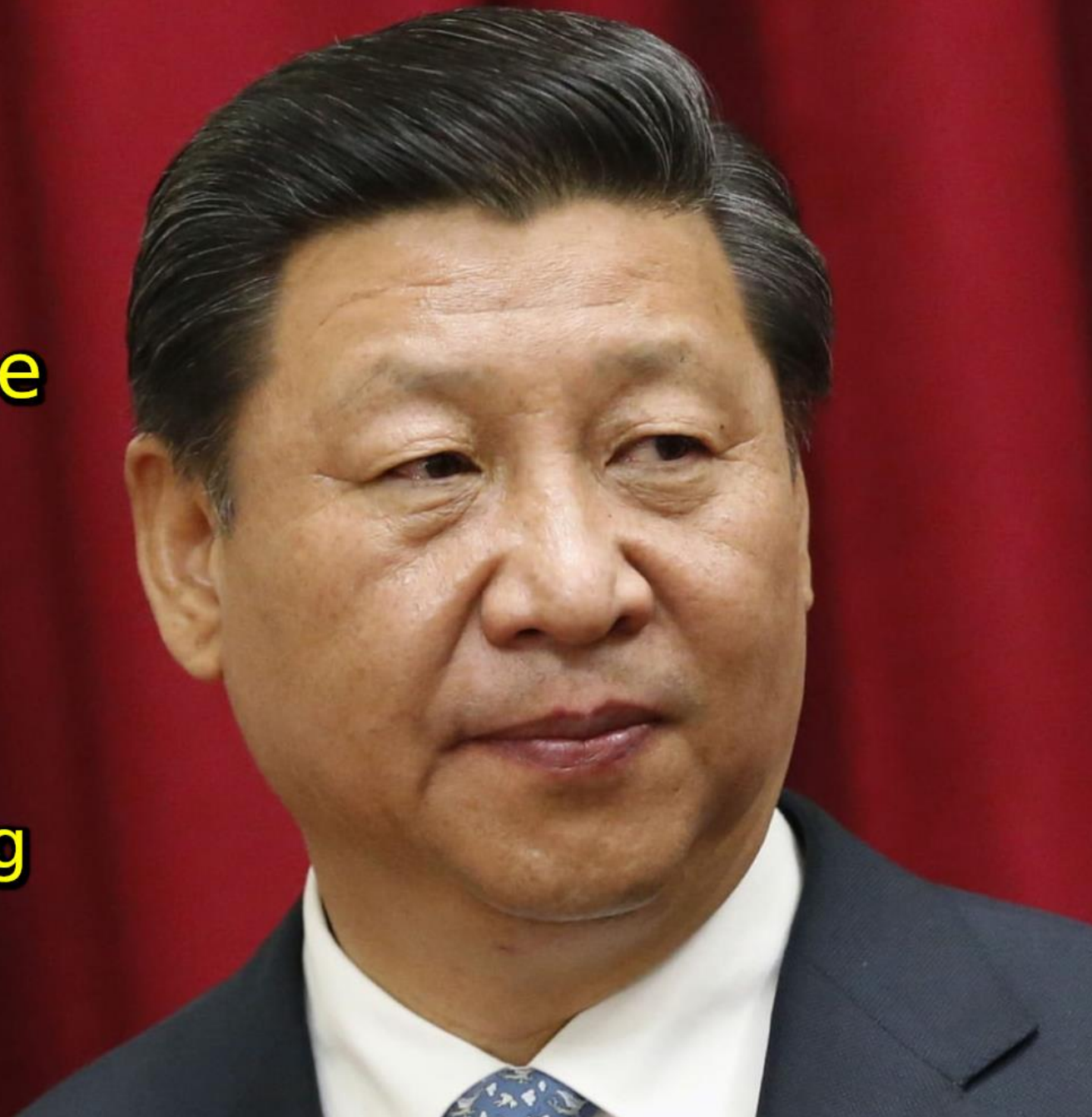


Exports the PRC political system.

- > *Undermines social cohesion*
- > *Exacerbates racial tension*
- > *Influences politics*
- > *Harms media integrity*
- > *Facilitates espionage*
- > *Increases unsupervised technology transfer.*

I believe that for real communists, Stalin weighs no less than Lenin. And in percentage of right decisions, he doesn't even have an equal in world history.

—Xi Jinping

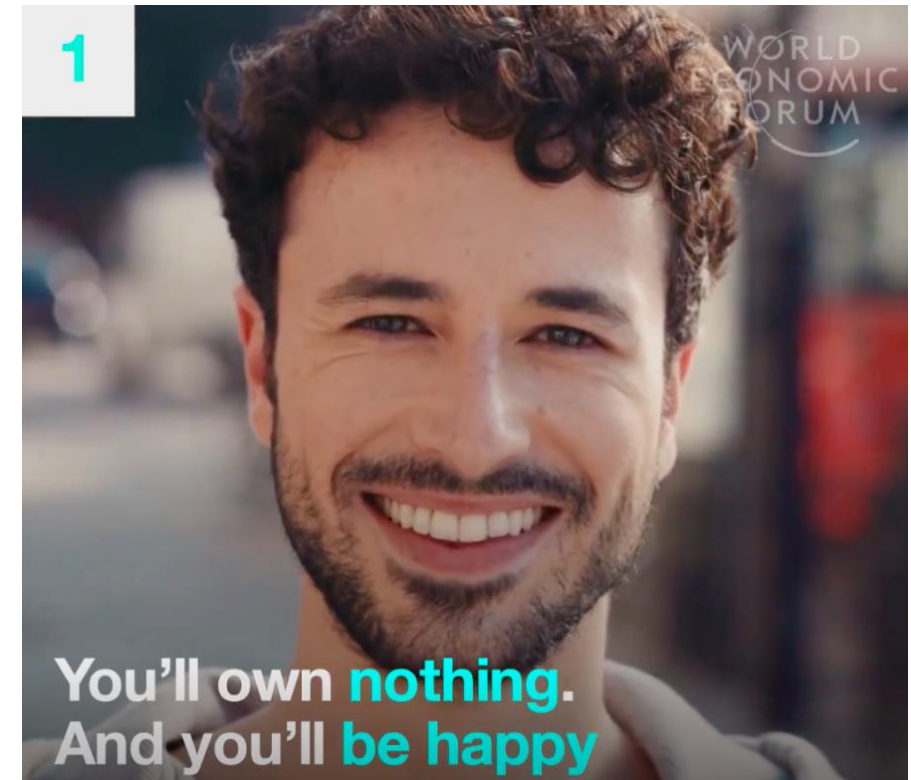
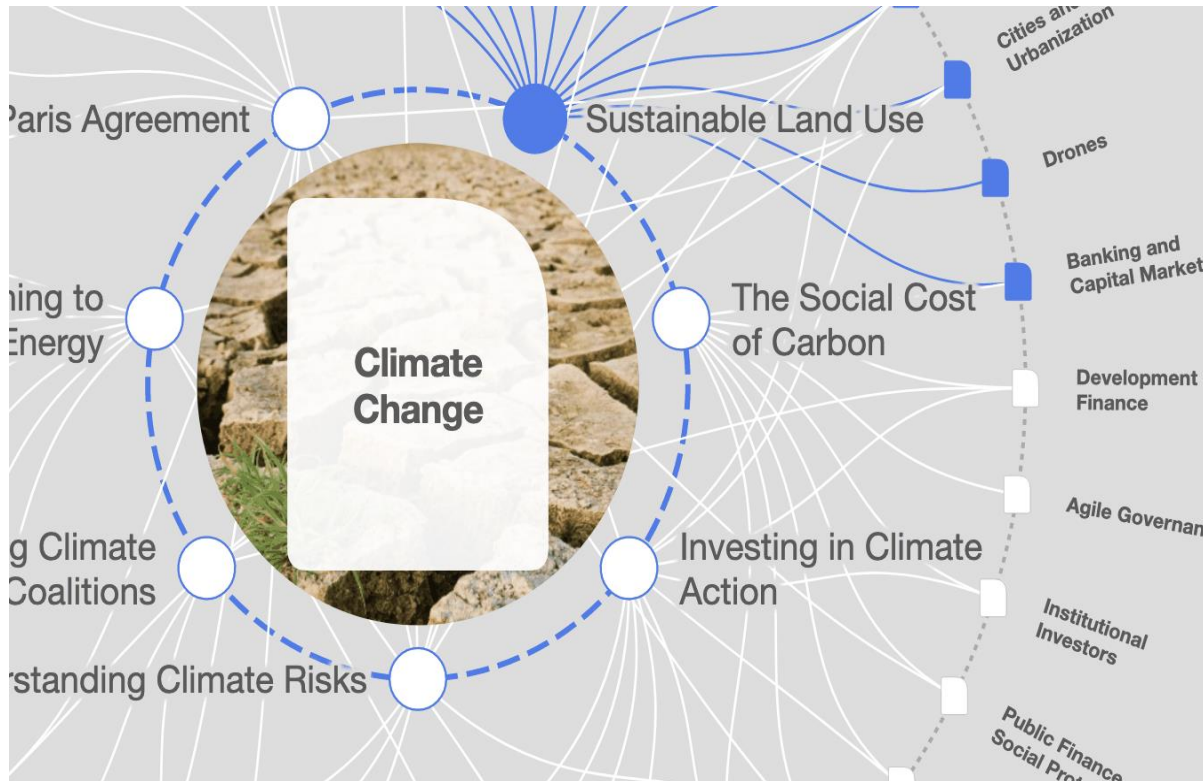


Global Elitism...



Klaus Schwab

World Economic Forum and the 4th Industrial Revolution



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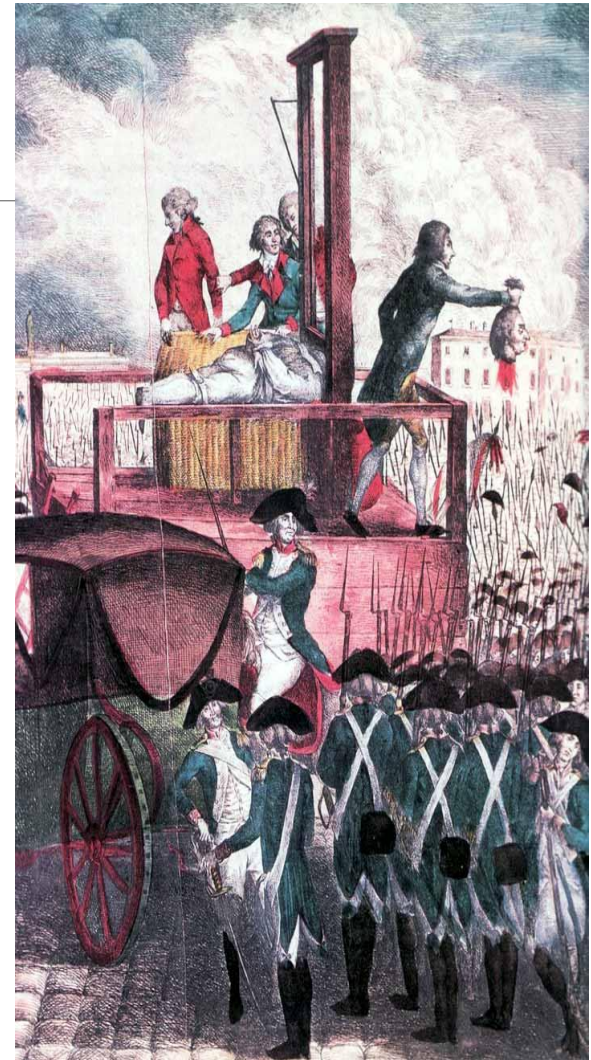
World Economic Forum and the Great Reset



Developing Issues...

1. Keep me safe...

- The use of **fear** as a means of gaining political control
 1. The French Revolution: Committee of Public Safety (1793-4)
 2. Society-wide compliance measures
 3. 'Never let a crisis go to waste.'
- Christians need to resist the temptation to live in fear
 1. Care for the sick, the vulnerable, the dying
 2. Live each day in the freedom and grace of Christ



'Obey us and you'll be safe.'

Developing Issues...

2. Show me the money...

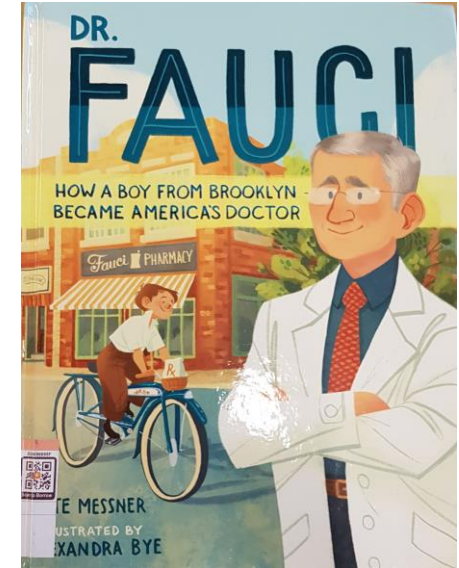
- A ***spirit of entitlement*** is enslaving future generations to poverty
 1. **Government handouts**, grants and subsidies
 2. **Debt diplomacy** fuels political corruption and personal poverty
 3. 'The leech has two daughters: Give and give!' (Proverbs 30:15a)
- Christians need to resist the temptation to take what is not ours
 1. **Lead by example**, so we are blameless in the eyes of the community
 2. Schools, services, and churches need to be free of government assistance
 3. **Prepare** for harder times ahead



Developing Issues...

3. Trust me, I'm an expert...

- The ***short-circuiting*** of debate
 1. 'I am the science.' (Dr Fauci)
 2. Rule by edict, rather than representative government
 3. 'Fact Checker' powers to suppress all other voices
- Christian leaders need to lead by example
 1. Maintain openness, but with wisdom
 2. Encourage free speech and the sharing of ideas



Developing Issues...

4. You *can't* say that...

- Paul Fletcher MP will introduce legislation that will give Australia's media watchdog, the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) more regulatory power over tech companies who fail to meet the standards of a ***voluntary misinformation and disinformation code of practice***. (March 2022)
 1. Companies such as Facebook, Google, Apple and YouTube are required to take action to regulate content.
 2. Adobe has signed up and committed to regulate, monitor, and trace authorship and content—See also, the Content Authenticity Initiative (CAI).
 3. Third-party 'fact checkers' will provide oversight of material that citizens try to access or distribute: Misinformation and Disinformation Action Group (MADAG)
 4. 'Conspiracy-driven communities' will not be able to be heard.
- Note: US Dept of Homeland Security's new *Disinformation Governance Board*, announced 28 Apr 2022.

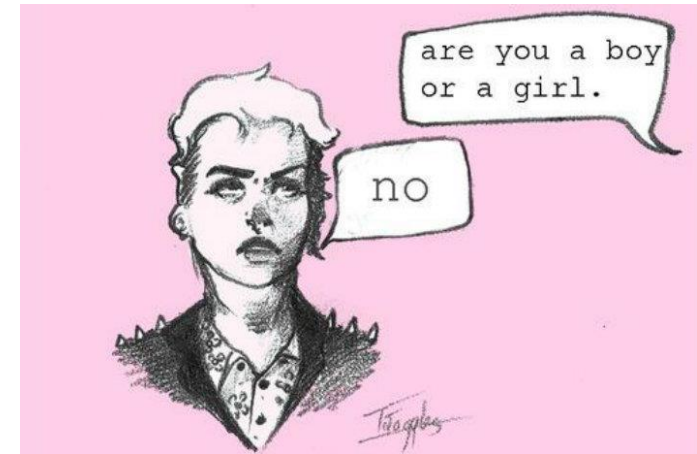


Paul Fletcher, MP

Developing Issues...

5. You must say this...

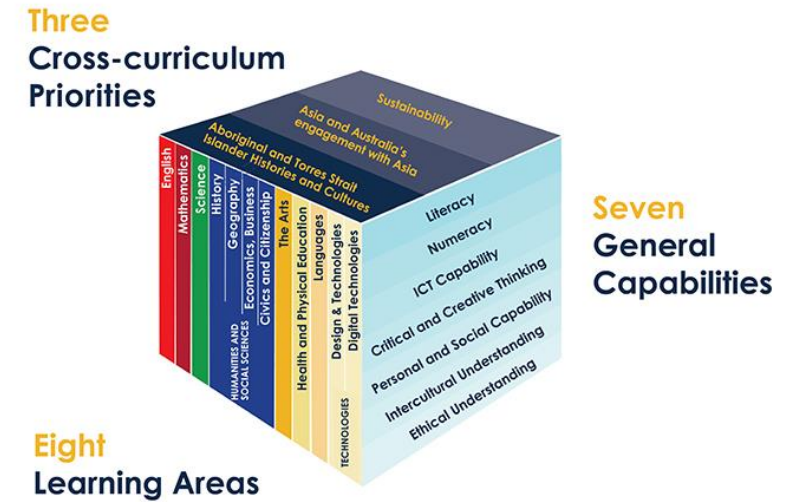
- The pressure to submit, conform, and affirm the lie is increasing:
 1. Same-sex marriage
 2. Gender fluidity, Gender pronouns
 3. BLM – bend the knee
 4. Welcome to Country protocols
 5. Diversity Council of Australia
 6. Government-Corporate Alliances
- The challenge for all concerned citizens, including Christians, is to engage in the culture war on the side of truth, reality, and common sense *as we see it*.



Developing Issues...

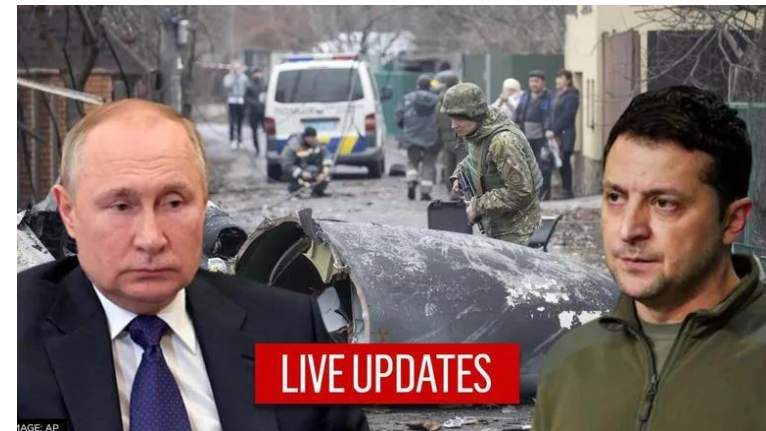
6. School Curriculum Content

- Ideological categories are embedded into every subject area by **the cross-curriculum priorities matrix**.
 1. the contempt for Western Civilisation;
 2. the removal of almost all positive references to Christianity; and
 3. The promotion of social activism – e.g., in Maths, students are asked to ‘compare areas of Aboriginal people’s traditional grain belt with Australia’s current grain belt.’ This assumes that the Aboriginal people were living in permanent settlements and growing crops around their villages, for which there is no historical evidence whatsoever. (Based on the discredited Bruce Pascoe’s *Dark Emu* narrative.)
- Some curriculum goals usurp the rights of parents on controversial matters:
 1. Gender theory, human sexuality, transgender rights, social justice projects, etc
 2. State-sponsored grooming of children.

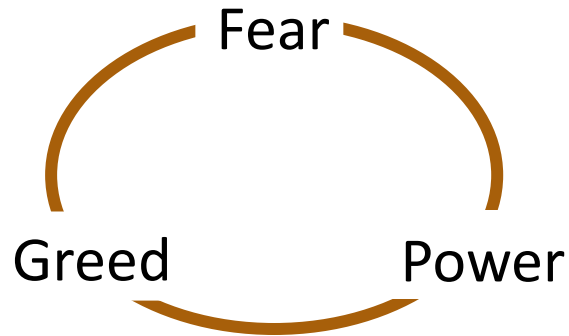


Developing Issues...

7. War and International Conflict



Three gospel responses...

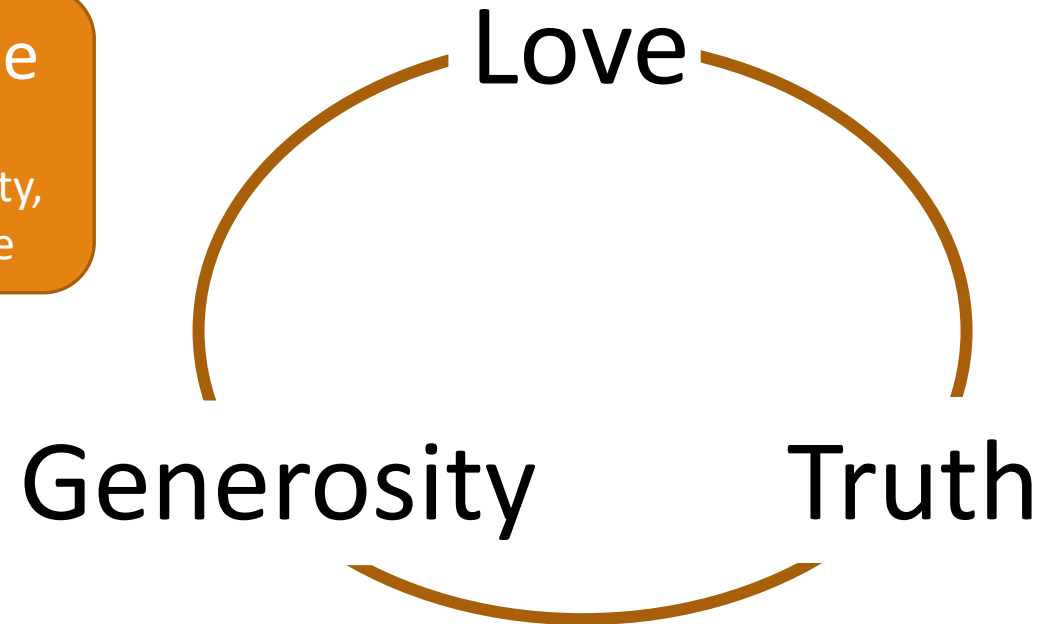


1. Keep me safe (Fear)
2. Show me the money (Greed)
3. Trust me, I'm an expert (Power)
4. You can't say that (Power)
5. You must say this (Power)
6. School Curriculum content
7. War and international conflict

❖ “For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” (Galatians 5:13)

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Final Thoughts...

We must not be silent...

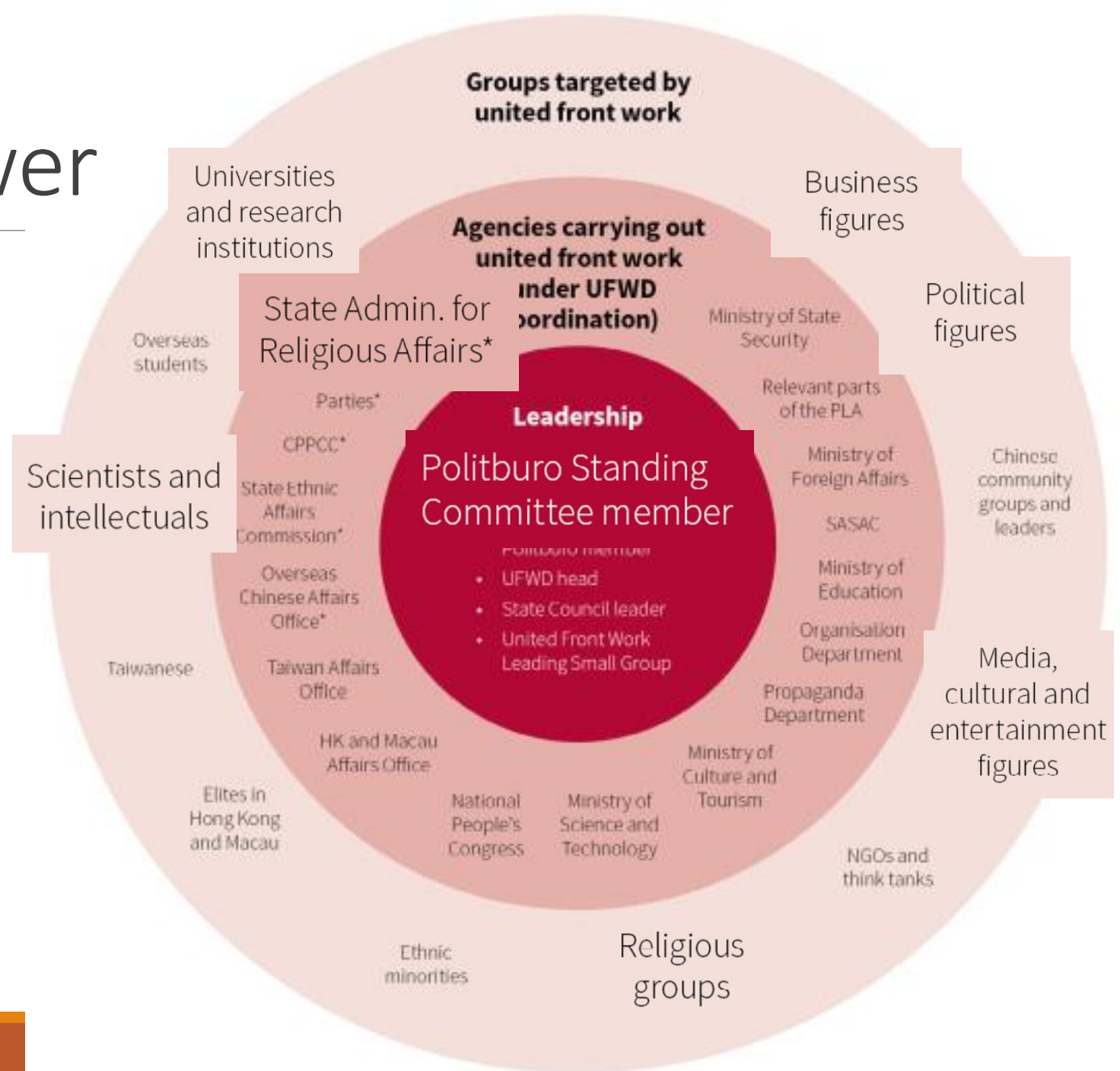
- **Pray.**
 - **Take time** to educate yourself on these issues.
 - **Talk** to fellow Christians in your church – especially your young people.
 - **Write** to your local MP about specific concerns.
 - **Push back** politely.
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- **SPLAT!** (Speak up, pray, lobby, act, trust)



Offcuts...

Chinese Power

❖ *United Front Work*



Developing Issues...

8. Poverty and enslavement

- Rising fuel costs
- Rising food costs
- Rising financial costs
- Supply chain issues

- Poverty and homelessness will rise
- The rich get richer, the poor get the picture



Rationing and lack of supply



Cobalt mining, 'blood batteries'