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# 1/ Thread on Franklin Graham's ethics in response to his post about the Ten Commandments

2/ Franklin Graham's posts are typically among the top 10 viewed posts on Facebook in the United States in a given week. For example, during the week of August 17th, one of his posts was number #1.

**Facebook's Top 10**  
@FacebooksTop10

Today, 8/17, the top-performing Facebook link posts by U.S. pages are from:

1. Franklin Graham
2. Dan Bongino
3. Dan Bongino
4. Ben Shapiro
5. Franklin Graham
6. Occupy Democrats
7. Elizabeth Warren
8. Fox & Friends
9. Ben Shapiro
10. The New York Times

12:01 PM · Aug 17, 2020

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3/ And I think it is quite likely this one below will be the #1 post of the week.

**Franklin Graham** ✓  
@Franklin\_Graham

In watching some of the @DemConvention on TV, it's been interesting to see the absence of God. I don't believe America's finest hours will be in front of us if we take God out of gov't & public life. It's God who set the standards we're to live by. [facebook.com/FranklinGraham...](https://www.facebook.com/FranklinGraham...)


9:36 PM · Aug 20, 2020

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4/ His post begins with a flagrant lie that the Democratic convention did not mention God often.



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Any research on the topic would indicate this is demonstrably false. For example, both Harris's and Biden's speeches ended with references to God.

5/ But I dislike getting in an argument about this because the important issue is not how often a politician or convention mentions God but to what extent the policies of the party and the behavior of the politicians are in keeping with God's priorities.

6/ But since Franklin Graham mentions the Ten Commandments, I think it is worth noting that Franklin Graham has tainted his integrity over the years.

7/ When last disclosed, Graham was being paid 40 hour per week by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association AND 40 hours per week by Samaritan's Purse, making a total of \$1.2 million a year.



Franklin Graham takes pay he once gave up

Six years ago, Franklin Graham decided to give up his pay as head of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

<https://www.charlotteobserver.com/living/religion/article30505932.html>

8/ Franklin was paid \$636,451 + \$59,742 in other compensation from Samaritan's Purse in 2018; and \$205,999 + \$52,678 from BGEA in 2014. Since 2014, he has not had to disclose his BGEA income because it is designated for tax purposes as an "association of churches."

9/ Note that though designated an "association of churches" for tax purposes, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association "exists to support and extend the evangelistic calling and ministry of Franklin Graham."

10/ All four of Franklin Graham's children work for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and / or Samaritan's Purse. Jane Cissie and Roy:

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Also 2 of Board of Directors of Samaritan's Purse are his children.

- Jane Cissie Lynch, Ministry Spokesperson and Special Projects Producer, Samaritan's Purse.  
\$48,617 (+ BGEA \$?)
- Roy Graham, Director of Donor Relations, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association  
Also paid by dad.

1:10 PM · Sep 23, 2019 

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Will:

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His son Will also works for him as Vice President, BGEA. Last disclosure was \$98,698 in 2014.

"the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association exists to support and extend the evangelistic calling and ministry of Franklin Graham"

4th child Edward (Army) seems not to be paid by dad.

1:31 PM · Sep 23, 2019 ⓘ

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Edward:

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Update: Edward is now also working for Samaritan's Purse. [youtube.com/watch?v=x9BxyC...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9BxyC...) 8:07

So all four of Franklin Graham's children work for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and / or Samaritan's Purse.

Rev. Franklin Graham: Operation Christmas Child | The ...

Evangelist Franklin Graham stops by the studio to discuss Operation Christmas Child and to give his ...

[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

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11/ Graham has liked Trump since 2011

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Franklin Graham has liked Donald Trump since 2011!

"the more you listen to him, the more you say to yourself, you know, maybe this guy's right."

"So, he might be your candidate of choice?" Amanpour asked

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16/ Franklin has moved the Billy Graham archives from Wheaton College to storage at the Billy Graham Library (which is not a library but a tourist attraction) in Charlotte and there is no archivist there.

**Billy Graham Archives Begin Move from Wheaton to Charlotte**  
 While Franklin Graham aims to consolidate the late evangelist's legacy, some scholars raise concerns about research opportunities.  
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2019/june/billy-graham-archives-franklin-move-charlotte-library-wheat.html>

17/ Graham also made sure his mother was buried there against her wishes.

**Burial site leaves family at crossroads**  
 MONTREAT, N.C. — It is a struggle worthy of the Old Testament, pitting brother against brother, son against mother, and leaving a famous father, the Rev. Billy Graham, trapped in the middle, pondering...  
<https://www.chron.com/life/houston-belief/article/Burial-site-leaves-family-at-crossroads-1652652.php>

18/ A lot of people view Franklin Graham as a respected voice on behalf of Christians but I don't see him that way.

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**Andrew Chen** @andrewchen · Dec 27  
 12/ One of the best things out of @ericries's Lean Startup is the concept of "vanity metrics" - unimportant, inflated metrics that don't have much to do with business value. But the effects of using them are different when you're a startup versus a big co.  
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**Andrew Chen** @andrewchen · Dec 27  
 13/ For big, established companies, focusing on vanity metrics is silly but not harmful. Everyone's thrown up a huge number to celebrate for an offsite. I get it. But for startups who are pre-product/market fit, it can lead down a path towards

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sure, yes, Graham responded.



Franklin Graham: Trump Might be Candidate of Choice  
The Rev. Franklin Graham, whose family has served as spiritual advisers to numerous prominent political ...  
[abcnews.go.com](http://abcnews.go.com)

3:13 PM · Oct 26, 2019





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when both questioned the birthplace of Barack Obama.


**White House smacks Rev. Franklin Graham for 'birther' talk**  
The White House slammed influential evangelical leader the Rev. Franklin Graham on Monday for questioning President Obama's birthplace.  
<https://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/157589-wh-smacks-rev-graham-for-birther-talk->

12/ Franklin Graham met alone with Putin in Nov 2015 and featured him on the cover of Decision magazine that month.






**Franklin Graham** 

@Franklin\_Graham



I was in Russia in 2015 and met with President Vladimir [@PutinRF\\_Eng](#).

8:00 AM · Apr 4, 2017 

 1.1K  435 people are Tweeting about this

13/ Graham also met with the US-sanctioned Vyacheslav Volodin in March 2019 who is trying to have the Magnitsky Act (which withholds money from those who murder Putin's opponents).



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In March 2019, Franklin Graham met with Vyacheslav Volodin, who's been sanctioned by the U.S. for five years. Graham's explanation is that he has warm relations with Putin's people because of cooperation in the gospel and conservative politics such as opposing the GLBTQ movement.



**Casey Michel** 

@cjcMichel

Replying to @cjcMichel

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Latest from George Barna: Note his 2014 book with David Barton: [amazon.com/U-Turn-Restori...](https://amazon.com/U-Turn-Restori...), And 2017 book about saving the election for Trump: [amazon.com/Day-Christians...](https://amazon.com/Day-Christians...) He works for United in Purpose. Its data fell into Russian hands:

FYI George Barna research @ryanburge @socoftthesacred @ndrewwhitehead @robertpjones @praxishabitus

FYI George Barna has new data out. See above tweet about

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19 Aug

On Aug 3, 2016, Don Jr., Joel Zamel (Psy Group - Israel), and Erik Prince and George Nader (both paid by UAE) met. [newyorker.com/magazine/2019/...](https://newyorker.com/magazine/2019/...) Dec 15, 2016, MBZ (UAE) met secretly with Kushner, Bannon, Flynn. [newyorker.com/news/news-desk...](https://newyorker.com/news/news-desk...), [newyorker.com/magazine/2018/...](https://newyorker.com/magazine/2018/...)

UAE got got US war planes and the Arab world's first nuclear plant in August 2020. Nader and Erik Prince and Zamel got paid. The Senate Intelligence Committee reports Trump Jr.

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15 Aug

The fun of baseball is the amazing plays. But the reason for kids to play baseball is to learn to recover from the individual embarrassing humiliating failures \*in front of crowds of people\*—which happen every game. Your heart sinks, cheeks flush, rage surges. Then you try again.

There \*is\* crying in baseball and that is because it is humiliating to strike out, walk in a run, or make an error, and so you feel like quitting. BUT, baseball players learn to keep trying again in spite of the discouragement.

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13 Aug

@joshuapsteele Call me and we'll talk. I'm curious what you are passionate about as an Anglican. Bonhoeffer would be on your side more than Barth on those episcopal/sacramental issues. Hauerwas and Willimon would also agree with you. Email scholars of Barth/Bonhoeffer to ask to talk on phone.

@joshuapsteele I argue that Barth and Bonhoeffer agreed on much. [dukespace.lib.duke.edu/dspace/handle/...](https://dukespace.lib.duke.edu/dspace/handle/...) But Bonhoeffer had a much more Lutheran / Anglican understanding of the sacraments (see Discipleship) than

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22 Jun

Luke Barnett (Senior Pastor of Dream City Church) at the Evangelicals for Trump Coalition Launch rally at King Jesus International Ministry in Miami on Friday January 3, 2020 and at the White House Oct 29, 2019.

This was my thread on the Oct 29, 2019 gathering at the White House.

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22 Jun

White evangelicals Fox News Poll June 13-16, 2020 66% Trump 25% Biden 3% Other 2% Wouldn't vote 4% Don't know [static.foxnews.com/foxnews.com/co...](https://static.foxnews.com/foxnews.com/co...)

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Fox News Poll April 4-7, 2020 75% Trump 19% Biden 6%

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1. Graham met with Vyacheslav Volodin, who's been sanctioned by the U.S. for five years. They discussed how to strengthen ties between Congress and the Duma. [thinkprogress.org/why-was-frankl...](http://thinkprogress.org/why-was-frankl...)

6:52 PM · May 27, 2019




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14/ Graham has no theological education.

15/ Operation Christmas Child (shoeboxes program in churches) is not an effective development or missions or evangelism program.

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On Operation Christmas Child:

Quotes in thread below from:

[washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-f...](http://washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-f...)

"Except in response to emergencies, this form of charity suppresses local markets, creates feelings of dependency, and does not address systemic problems or empower local leadership."

Perspective | Filling millions of shoe boxes of toys for poor kids seems lik...  
A popular charity campaign has some major drawbacks.  
[washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)

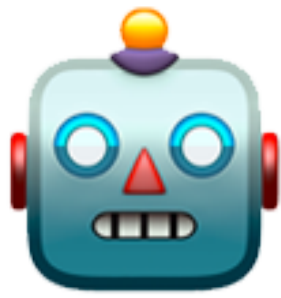
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