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**Broadcast:** The Progressive Miseducation of America – Part 2

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Dr. Corey Miller: Welcome everyone to Family Talk. It's a ministry of the James Dobson Family Institute supported by listeners just like you. I'm Dr. James Dobson and I'm thrilled that you've joined us.

Roger Marsh: Well, welcome to Family Talk, the broadcast ministry of the Dr. James Dobson Family Institute. I'm Roger Marsh and thanking you for joining us for day two of a powerful conversation featuring Dr. Corey Miller. Dr. Miller is the author of numerous books, currently serves as president and CEO of Ratio Christi ministry and he's the author of a brand new book that we're talking about today. The book is called *The Progressive Miseducation of America: Confronting the Cultural Revolution from the Classroom to Your Community*. Dr. Miller and his wife Melinda are the parents of three children. They make their home in Indiana and Dr. Corey Miller. It's good to have you back on today's edition of Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk. Thanks for joining us again.

Dr. Corey Miller: Thank you for inviting me back after what I did in the last show.

Roger Marsh: Well, and what he did in the last show, if you didn't have a chance to listen to it airing the broadcast on release day, go back to [jdfi.net](http://jdfi.net), you can find it in the archives or find it on our YouTube channel. We were discussing what has happened to major Christian universities and I'm talking about ones that would be readily identifiable, whether it be Biola, Point Loma, some of these other California Christian schools, because Dr. Miller has a master's from Biola, one of the three masters that he's earned and basically has earned his Ph.D. twice. I mean, one's from Purdue, but then that got derailed. And then of course, University of Aberdeen took good care of you, it sounds like, in Scotland, of course, I would expect nothing less. But then to take a look at what's happening at Harvard, what's happening at Yale. And the Princeton one was, you heard me kind of come out of my chair when you were talking about what's happening there because my brother is an alumnus of Biola University and Princeton.

To hear what has happened in the 25 years since Brian graduated is just horrifying to me personally. He and I haven't talked about what he might think about that type of thing. And I realize as Christians though, what you're trying to do through your ministry, through your writing, through this book is to show us not only ... I mean, hey, let's acknowledge that you've got a whole section in the book called "What Just Happened. We are no longer Grandma's America." Your second third talks about how did we get here? And to paraphrase a mighty

fortress, one little word explains it. Help us understand the university is the mind of culture, why that has kind of become the reason why culture has drifted so far away from biblical foundations.

Dr. Corey Miller:

Right. The university, that's the one word. We have unity in diversity constitutes the university. What happened after we started the universities, and it was Christians who started the universities in Europe as well. But after we started the universities, we simply didn't have any Ph.D. programs. And so right around the time of the 1880s, which now they had been around for about 250 years, church and chapel attendance were still required at almost every university in the country. We didn't have Ph.D. programs and so we sent our best and brightest over to Europe predominantly to Germany, which was dubbed as the highest level of education, the most formally educated country in the history of the world at that time. And people wonder, how in the world could Germany have done what it did in World War II? Well, now America is dubbed as the most formally educated country in the history of the world. How are we doing what we do?

But we sent them over there. You had Immanuel Kant, who we remember by "You Can't Know Ultimate Reality." He gave us agnosticism. You had Freud and sexuality. You had Nietzsche, God is dead. You had Marx and Angles. You had all of these various ideologies that our students learned from. And then they came back over to Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Columbia, and the battle was on and it raged for about 50 years until 1930. When the dust was settling in the 1930s and we had been kicked out and we had to go start our new institutions like Westminster and Calvin and Biola and Wheaton. At that time, something else was happening in Germany and there was this little city called Frankfurt and we know of now the Frankfurt School of Critical Theory, critical race theory, critical gender theory, critical queer theory and so forth. Well, those people were competing with the national socialists.

They were all globalist socialists. And when the Nazis rose to power, these guys had to leave town and where did they go? They went to Brandeis University to UCLA and to Columbia and started the second process and they got us through the '60s generation. And then in the '70s when the bombing of banks and government buildings was happening and they realized the American people aren't prepared for this yet. They are now, but they weren't then. They decided, okay, the new workers of the world that need to unite and throw off the shackles of the bourgeois, the ruling class, it now is no longer the working class on the factory floor. It is the elites in academia and they talked about the long march through the institutions. And so that's what they began to do. And in the mid '90s, the ratio of liberal to conservative professor was just 2.3 to one.

So you still had checks and balances. You had no cancel culture, no monopoly over the system until now where you have in the Ivy Leagues, it's 27 to one.

Roger Marsh:

Incredible.

Dr. Corey Miller: In some cases, it goes up as high as 78 to one. And we have records of campaign contributions. Harvard faculty, it's 99% of their faculty give campaign contributions to the Democratic Party. Yale, it's 98. Princeton, it's 97. All of the Ivy Leagues are in the 90s. This is not viewpoint diversity. This is an ideological and political monopoly. And so this is why Christians need to be aware of the false philosophy coming out of the universities because we can't beware of something unless we're aware. We need to learn what it is. Even if we're not philosophically inclined, well, you've chosen to have children or children that have children, grandchildren. And if you're going to send them to one of these secular baptismal fonts where the statistics are now between 50 to 80% of them go in and they come out with their brains hanging out now, if you're going to do that, why wait 18 years, train the child up in the way they should go. And when they get older, they get conscripted to work for the other side. Just give them up now.

Roger Marsh: It's interesting as you're describing this, Dr. Corey Miller, the fact that there are so many Christians, thinking back to something you said in our previous conversation with regard to the political parties and how the Democrat party today is nowhere near the John Kennedy Democrats in the 1960s and the Republican Party is so way off a base. And I know there are times when my wife and I will look at each other and say they're basically all on the same team. They just wear different uniforms at this point. But help us understand as Christians why it's important for us to see what the real issues are because sometimes I think we kind of get tricked into thinking, well, that uniform doesn't look so bad. So maybe I'll pick them instead of them or that university. The other ones are really crazy, but this one, well, my grandfather went here or something like that.

Instead of saying, "Hey, we got to take a complete step back, a complete redo of our thinking and ask the question, how are we going to bring a biblical worldview into the culture? How are we going to train up our children in the way they should go knowing that the culture is coming for them from even the moment they're conceived, let alone the moment that they're born?"

Dr. Corey Miller: Right. And when we think about politics, again, politics is downstream from culture, culture from education and the apex of education is the university. We don't want to confuse Republicans and conservatives and Christians. Those are three separate identities like democrat, liberal or Marxist now and secularists. Those are three or four separate identities, but they are sharing space in a Venn diagram, which is why more Bible believing Christians tend to vote Republican, more atheist without doubt tend to vote Democrat because the platforms are more friendly in that way. So the politicians of Democrats and Republicans, that's the superficial level. Below that is liberal or Marxist and conservative. Below that is secularist, naturalist and religion, religionist. And so we've got two separate worldviews fighting against one another. And despite that, the conclusion in my book is MAGA and the morning after. Can America be made great again if America is not made good again? And I say absolutely not. We need to have a biblical worldview revolution. We need to have what I call a third revolution after the first two ideological revolutions in the university. We need

to have a third revolution, but we need to have a revolutionary and by this I mean a Jesus revolutionary spirit in our homes, in our churches, in our community groups and fundamentally we need to repent.

What do I mean by that? Well, Mark Noel wrote a book 30 years ago called *The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind*. And on page one, he said the scandal is that we don't have much of an evangelical mind.

And so we are living with this menace of mindless Christianity. We have checked our brains out at the door and we have retained only the heart and the hands of Christ and no longer have the head of Christ and that is not good. That is not honorable to God. When Jesus was asked by the Sadducees a question, He took them on. He then got asked a question by the Pharisees, which is the greatest commandment. And He said, love God with all your heart, soul and mind.

Roger Marsh: Mind. Yes.

Dr. Corey Miller: So do you want to follow Jesus or not? Then we need to start loving God with our head, not just our heart and our hands. And you think, oh, that's hard. That creates a headache. Well, then clear out the cobwebs because this is what it means to follow Jesus fully head, heart and hands, especially if we're going to tangle with the universities. And guess what, Roger? You have no choice. My daughter is a junior in elementary education at Purdue University, which is one of the most conservative of public universities in the country, owing in part, I think because of the engineering programs. Bridges have to stay up and so two plus two still equals four.

Roger Marsh: Good to know.

Dr. Corey Miller: But I have looked at all of her classroom syllabi and I can see Marxism through it. So if she is training to go teach third graders and let's say she's training to go teach in a K through 12 Christian school, guess what she's taking with her? In her case, she has the luxury of having a father who's got four graduate degrees and smells this stuff.

Roger Marsh: Yes.

Dr. Corey Miller: But not everybody does. So you can't hide in your Christian schools, you can't hide in your churches. The university is having a bigger impact on the church than the churches on the university.

Roger Marsh: Dr. Corey Miller's latest book is called *The Progressive Miseducation of America: Confronting the Cultural Revolution from the Classroom to Your Community*. He joins us today here on Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk to talk about the book and this third revolution. In the book, I love the fact that you outlined three pretty practical questions that we should be able to answer in terms of what the world is asking because quite frankly, a lot of people are saying, "Look, I've seen

this from a lot of people, maybe even from the, I guess they call them the exvangelical culture that just says, Hey, I grew up in an evangelical church and then it stopped working for me. And so I kind of moved away from it. But the questions like, is Christianity good for the world? I mean, there used to be a time when I think people understood that if God endowed us with an inalienable rights like life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, and this was plan A for America, now we live in a time where you can't rely on the Declaration of Independence to be your theological treaties.

It has to be something much deeper than that. How do you recommend that we take a look at an answer to one of those three questions that you pose at the end of the book and be able to have an answer, a defense if you will, for the Christian faith, not just because we're trying to win the argument, but we're trying to win souls into the kingdom.

Dr. Corey Miller:

That's right. We want to win souls. Ratio Christi is the reason of Christ. We are an apologetics evangelism organization. We want to see souls saved, but we also want to see the soul of the university saved because it is the most influential institution shaping civilization. I mean, in fact, one in three world leaders, presidents, prime ministers, dictators. One in three earned an academic degree from a U.S. university. This is the most strategic institution to shape civilization, not just our society in America, but around the world. And so I tell people that we need to start showing the world that Christianity is good for the world, not just good for Heaven, but good for the world, that it's reasonable and that it is true. And this is the area of classical and cultural apologetics. We train people how to do that and we even have a product line of booklets. So there are plenty of good Christian ministries out there that teach apologetics that teach you why you should believe what you believe as Christians. But we have a way of narrowing that down. We've got over 60 booklets written by top Christian scholars on everything from why does God allow evil? What about the relationship of science and Scripture to the reliability of the Bible and then also race, class, sex, gender, ethnicity, and so forth. So the authors of those almost always have a Ph.D.

It's written at the 11th grade reading level. It's 25 pages and you can get it digital or in print. And best of all, it's free for the PDF online if you go to our website, [ratiochristi.org](http://ratiochristi.org) and give us your email address. We're going to send you our monthly newsletters, our propaganda, but then you'll have access to all of those free things. You have those bite-sized chunks you can have in Sunday school, you can do as a home group with your kids, with your youth group. There's no excuse for not equipping yourself because you know what you're going to face when you go to the university: 23 to one, 27 to one, 78 to one. Do you want to lose your kids? Parents and grandparents are literally paying for the apostasy of their own children.

Roger Marsh:

Incredible.

Dr. Corey Miller: The good news is Christianity's true and if we're given the opportunity to debate and to demonstrate it, we can show that, but people have to be willing to do a little bit of their homework and be prepared to give an answer for the reason for the hope that's in you and do it with gentleness and respect. The head, the heart, and the hands.

Roger Marsh: I love everything you're saying. And especially with the resources, we'll put that link up at jdfi.net as well. These 25-page booklets written by Ph.D.'s written at the reading level that challenges. I mean, there used to be a time when education, at least public education was kind of drafted into three different categories with you had the grammar schools and then you got into logic and then you got into rhetoric. And by the time we get to rhetoric, most people don't even understand what rhetoric actually is anymore in the same way they're saying apologetics ministry. Does that mean you're saying you're sorry for your faith? I mean, that's mind boggling, but I appreciate this. I'm going to push back just a little bit here because someone's thinking, "yeah, okay, but you're going on to college campuses, you're having this conversation with people and I saw what happened on September 10th, 2025 at Utah Valley University. I remember watching Charlie Kirk sitting there having the dialogues that he used to have and he was assassinated. So how do you respond to that?" I mean, that was such an anomaly and it may have been Charlie's personality that drove that. But do you think Dr. Corey Miller, we're getting to the point where a Christian has to be willing to say, "I realize it might lead to something far worse than someone saying, I don't like you, or I'm not going to let you get your education or I'm going to keep you from working here."

Dr. Corey Miller: Yeah. Cancel culture is a reality. It mostly happens on the left and that's not the liberal left, that's the illiberal left, the Marxist left. We need to be clear about that. And it's not just canceling you from your job or speaking opportunities, which has happened to me multiple times, but it cancels your life as well. We live in what the *New York Post* called last April, an assassination culture. We remember when Brian Thomas was executed by Luigi Mangione and what was particularly bothersome about that wasn't just the execution, though that was sufficient. It was that 31% of people under age 45 sympathized more with the executioner than the executed.

Roger Marsh: Wow.

Dr. Corey Miller: Why is that important? Because the closer you get to the epicenter to the universities, it is literally changing the demographic. 56%, according to a Rutgers study of those who lean to the left, 56% say that it is justified, morally justified to assassinate Donald Trump. This is not a fringe movement. And where does this come from? Again, Peter Singer at Princeton, not only does he talk about dearest pet and having romance with pets, but he wrote the book, *The Unsanctifying of Human Life*. If there is no sanctifier of human life, then there's no such thing as the sanctity of human life. If God is dead, everything is permissible. So Utah Valley University, we will be holding our national staff conference there this summer for more than symbolic reasons. Our chapter, we

have a chapter on that campus. Five or six years ago, Roger, I saw this stuff coming down the pipeline when I was studying Marxism at Purdue and there was an atheist counterpart of me who was part of the new atheist movement named Peter Pagogian who wrote the book *A Manual for Creating Atheist*. We came in contact with one another. He invited me into his classroom to give two hour lecture on God's existence.

Roger Marsh: Really?

Dr. Corey Miller: And then we went to lunch after and he proposed an alliance. We started a speaking tour together on viewpoint diversity, the death of intellectual diversity in the universities. We started in Utah, we'd covered four universities in two days. We started at the university where Charlie Kirk's assassin, his alleged assassin, started his education where one group tried to cancel us calling us logical fascists. Then we went to another university and then another and we had a Campus Crusade group boycott us because they decided to have their staff watch a video on white guilt. And so I contacted the president of CRU at that time to let him know what's going on, where this ideology is coming from. This is in 2020. And then we went to Utah Valley University. That's the last university we lectured at. That's where Charlie Kirk ended up getting assassinated at for speaking in dialogue.

But you know what? Free speech is gone because a lot of students think that hate speech is harmful and it justifies. One in three students on college campuses believe that hate speech justifies physical violence to get the person to shut up. And Charlie had it coming. He had to go because he was erasing the existence of trans people. That's what they were saying.

Roger Marsh: Incredible. How anyone would even think to formulate that thought, let alone to speak it into existence. And yet here's Charlie. Well, look at you, Dr. Corey Miller. I mean, the fact that you were part of CRU faculty for how many years and just a few years after leaving to start your current position, here's CRU saying, "No, we can't have you doing a debate because we need to watch this white guilt video." It shows you how quickly things have turned over the past, let's say, decade in particular in this culture. And for those of us in the body of Christ who have been asleep at the switch, Dr. Corey Miller, take the last moment or two of our time together and give us the encouragement we need. We need a cattle prod of some sort, but go a little easier on us, if you will, in terms of how we as parents and grandparents can wake up and find out what's going on, but then how we can help to mold the next generation who's coming into this and saying, "I need a college education, like in your daughter's case, to be a school teacher. But I know that even on the Christian College campus, my beliefs and viewpoint is going to be assaulted."

Dr. Corey Miller: Yeah. In the last part of my book, I make a clarion call to parents and grandparents, to pastors and ministers, to donors and philanthropists, to parachurches, to political allies, and to prayers. Everyone can pray. If you think about all of the great revivals that were the heart of the real revolutions that

took place, the spiritual revolutions at Azusa, at Asbury, at Yale University, at Whittenberg where Dr. Professor Martin Luther launched the Protestant Reformation, all of these are taking place at the college campus. The university is the most influential institution shaping civilization. Not everybody is called to go back into the universities like me and my ministry are, though we would invite you to join us, join us, donate to us or join us on the campuses, but everybody, and I mean everybody, must prepare for the poisonous ideology that's coming from upstream down into culture, into the churches, into your families, into the seminaries, because it's real.

It's happening. We're losing this battle in America and we don't need to. For those who are following Jesus and equipping themselves as 1 Peter 3:15 commanded us and as Jesus commanded us to love God with all our heart, soul and our mind, we can overcome this and moreover, we can reverse this revolution. So Ratio Christi is actually sending people back in for the next 40 to 50 years into Ph.D. programs at the highest levels and training them on how to be Christian missional professors, not just professors who happen to be Christians. I think I would summarize with this as go the universities so goes the culture, as goes the U.S. University, so goes the world. You have an opportunity, I have an opportunity, we have an opportunity to do something significant in shaping the kingdom of God, but we need to be aware where the battle lines are at and the biggest battle line is at the university.

Roger Marsh: Dr. Corey Miller, what an enthusiastic pep talk that's also a bit of a, well, I hate to say beat down, but I mean, you're really calling us to account for where the church has been in regard to this conversation and your new book, *The Progressive Miseducation of America* is going to help a lot of people, especially as we retrain and refocus, *Confronting the Cultural Revolution from the Classroom to Your Community*. There's a link for the book up at [jdfi.net](http://jdfi.net) in addition to information about Ratio Christi ministry. We'll put that link up as well. Dr. Corey Miller, it's been great to get to know you and thank you for the work that you're doing on the college campuses. I know Dr. Dobson, if he were not with the Lord right now and was sitting here right next to us, we'd give you a big attaboy and say, "When are you going to start a chapter at USC?"

Dr. Corey Miller: By the way, it's so exciting. We do. We have a Malik academic fellow. That's what we're calling these Ph.D. students. We have a Malik chapter at that university. So if anyone wants to bring me out to their institution, their conference, their church, their campus, [drcoreymiller.com](http://drcoreymiller.com).

Roger Marsh: All right, we'll check it out. Dr. Corey Miller, thanks for being with us today here on Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk.

Dr. Corey Miller: Thank you, Roger.

Roger Marsh: Well, what an enthusiastic challenge to wake up, to engage and to take the long view. You're listening to Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk. I'm Roger Marsh and today's program featured part two of my conversation with Dr. Corey Miller,

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