



How CBDC Will Be Used to Enact Equity and Climate Change Part 2 with Kevin Freeman

In Part 1 of our interview between Economic Warfare Expert Kevin Freeman and Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver, Kevin explains Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) and how it poses grave dangers to freedom because of its “programmable” nature and ability to be weaponized by the government. In Part 2, Kevin lays out how CBDC can be used to advance the “equity” and “climate change” agendas, and he shares what some states are doing to stop it.

Mat: How can CBDC be used to promote a Marxist-driven equity agenda? For example, could belonging to a government-favored group make a dollar worth \$1.25 while belonging to a disfavored group make a dollar worth only 75 cents? If I belong to a disfavored group, could the 25 cents on my dollar get pushed over to the favored person’s account so their account grows while my account shrinks?

Kevin: Yes, absolutely. [CBDC] offers reward-punishment capability to control behavior. The government can give you a reward – a carrot on a stick – so that if you have the right behavior, they reward it. If you have the wrong behavior, they punish it. And thus, they turn us into mindless drones following rewards or avoiding punishment.

Mat: How else could the government manipulate a digital currency under their control?

Kevin: If we have a downturn in the economy and the president wants to artificially pump up the economy, he could essentially use CBDC like a coupon. If you spend money between now and the end of this month, you’ll be able to do so at a higher rate. But if you don’t, we’re going to take some of that money away from you. Their goal is to bring an artificial inflation and artificial support to the downturn of the economy.

And they’ll turn on an artificial intelligence program. They’ll write algorithms to elicit certain behavior. We would be like the lab rats [B.F.] Skinner had. We’ll be tapping the little button in order to get our rewards or to avoid the electric shocks. That’s what they’re planning to do to human beings, and they’re going to do it to us through our money if Central Bank Digital Currency passes.

Teenager Arrested for Reading the Bible Near Pride Event

Marcus Schroeder is no ordinary 19-year-old. While much of his generation is preoccupied with simultaneously fitting in and standing out in a culture awash in self-promotion and moral relativism, Marcus is on a mission of another kind. It’s one that got him arrested on July 29 for reading the Bible on a public

warning, not told anything about my amplification needing to be turned down. I was arrested and taken into custody simply for reading the Bible on the sidewalk.”

In the short hours that followed, Marcus had his mugshot taken at the police station and was fined \$500



sidewalk near a “Pride in the Park” event in Watertown, Wisconsin. The event was billed as “family entertainment” featuring “drag story hour, 2 drag shows, and food trucks” for a “day of celebration of the LGBTQIA+ community in Jefferson County.”

That Saturday, Marcus set up a small speaker with an attached microphone and began reading Galatians 5. In a viral video that records the arrest, policemen can be seen yanking the microphone out of Marcus’ hand with little to no warning. Within minutes, Marcus was handcuffed and walked out of the park.

“I was reading a passage from the Bible about love, and I was arrested,” Marcus said. “No reason, not given any

for resisting arrest and \$180 for using “amplification without a permit,” which violated a city ordinance. Marcus wholly denies resisting arrest and asked the officer escorting him out of the park to explain the charge to which the officer replied, “Your muscles tensed up.”

Warriors for Christ

A member of Mercy Seat Christian Church, Marcus was not the only one arrested on July 29. In spite of a belligerent neo-Nazi group that showed up earlier in the day, only Marcus and three others from his group, “Warriors for Christ” (a coalition of young people who engage cultural issues from a biblical standpoint), were arrested.

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Mat: Your "economicwarroom.com" website is aptly named because this enables those in power to use economics as a high-tech weapon of ideological warfare against disfavored classes.

Kevin: No question. Can you imagine how much Adolf Hitler would have preferred this system to control the people? It is a dictator's dream, and it is a way to enslave us. It's how "shekels" become "shackles." During COVID, for example, you have some churches and places of worship that wanted to stay open, contrary to the unconstitutional laws that were ultimately struck down by the high courts. In those

going in Texas. How can people go from awareness to action?

Kevin: What we proposed in Texas is about money in Article I, Section 10: the right of control over money, to coin money, and to emit bills or credit under congressional authority, and they've decided that authority to the Federal Reserve by law. And so that's legitimate, but I don't like the way they did it.

Nevertheless, states have the right to make tender out of gold and silver coins within the state. So, we've [Texas] proposed a state-based gold and silver depository, which we have in Texas, where you could have a debit card to



situations, both the people that attended those churches and the church itself could have had their Central Bank Digital Currency literally shut off. All those people would become penniless simply because they chose to exercise their constitutional and protected rights.

Or talk about reparations. The government would be able to shift money into certain people's accounts or take the money away from other people's accounts.

Mat: How could CBDC be used to advance a climate change agenda?

Kevin: For example, the government could put [extra] taxes on gasoline or implement negative interest rates. This means that instead of the interest going up on your bank account balance, money can literally be taken out by the federal government [for "climate change" violations], such as making certain purchases that are not "green" purchases [according to the government]. So, it's a very serious threat to freedom.

Mat: I know there are a couple of bills in Congress right now. While not stopping CBDC, they would prohibit Central Bank Digital Currency from being used as a weapon against the citizenry. We need to get more traction on that. Florida just passed a bill banning Central Bank Digital Currency. I know you're working to get something

transact your business in gold and silver. The technology works commercially right now, but it's not been made legal tender.

If Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Alaska, Arizona, and Utah were to make this available, you'd have an alternative. Even if they mandated Central Bank Digital Currency at the federal level, there would be a state-based alternative housed in the Constitution put there by the Founders that would give us an alternative, a way of escape. And so, we're working to get that. There are some bills pending in Congress right now that would stop the weaponization of the Central Bank Digital Currency, but there's also state-level efforts taking place to be able to regain some economic control and autonomy if this were ever to come down the pike.

Mat: Do you think CBDC could become a reality in the United States?

Kevin: It is not fiction. It is something that people are seriously trying to push toward, not only in the United States, but around the world. Although this sounds so complex, it's also remarkably simple with the technology that's already in place to transition to this new system. This could happen, unless we speak up. Obviously, there are constitutional issues here that we have to deal with, but clearly, it could happen. **LC**

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"My friend, Nick, was trying to get footage of what drag queens were doing to kids when he was harassed by organizers of the event and charged with disorderly conduct," Marcus reports. "There is a call to take a stand in our culture, and the enemy is going to try and silence us."

A few days after the arrest, Marcus went before the Watertown City Council to give an account of the incident and to set the record straight. During that meeting, he explained his "why":

I completely understand the other side.

I want to understand the other side.

But drag queens twerking on kids ... is unacceptable, and that's something that we have to notice as a culture. We can have our disagreements, but there comes a time when we have to understand that we are all going to stand before God one day, and we're going to have to give an account for what we have done with the children in our society, the innocent minds, and the children who deserve to be protected.

Young Man on a Mission

The story of Marcus' arrest has made national headlines. In interview after interview, Marcus did not back down. According to one account, he reported getting arrested was "worth it," adding, "It's actually an honor to be counted worthy to stand with the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and been arrested for the sake of spreading Christ and His kingdom."

Marcus takes his lead from the apostles' example throughout the book of Acts as we see them venturing into public forums such as synagogues, temples of false gods, and the marketplace to engage the culture while preaching the gospel.

"While doing public square ministry, I've had many conversations one on one and seen many hearts and minds changed by the power of the gospel by going on location," Marcus said. "I've seen a former transgender abortion clinic volunteer come to Christ, and now he ministers alongside us."

Even If I Stand Alone

Perhaps what sets Marcus apart is that he understands the true gospel, the one Jesus preached, and he is unafraid of its cost.

"Much of today's Christianity is presented in a way to appeal to a consumer mindset, like 'What do I get out of this?' and resembles nothing of what Jesus Himself said. In Luke 9:23, Jesus turns to the crowd and says, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must deny yourself, take up your cross daily and follow me! Jesus invites us to die to our self-life, so that we understand 'to live is Christ.' There we find our boldness in Him."

Perhaps there's no more powerful visual to understand the day's events than the photo taken of Marcus being led away to the police station. Flanked by officers, his T-shirt reads: "I WILL STAND FOR TRUTH EVEN IF I STAND ALONE." **LC**