

and to not close our doors to those seeking asylum. We are a good country at heart. We should not separate children from parents. We are better than that.

CONGRATULATING KAY ARTHUR ON RECEIVING THE LYDIA IMPACT AWARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. FLEISCHMANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, few people have the gift to bring people together, but Kay Arthur is one of these special individuals. Her passion for people and deeply rooted faith is illuminated through her television, radio, and online programs in which she uses God's Word to reach over 75 million households in over 30 countries.

Kay is a four-time ECPA Christian Book Award-winning author and the cofounder of Precept Ministries International, and she will soon be recognized once again as the recipient of the Scenic City Women's Network Lydia Impact Award.

An institution in the Chattanooga community, the vision of the Scenic City Women's Network is to encourage, equip, and energize Christian women. As part of this vision, the Lydia Award is a special honor for a woman who emulates the attributes of Lydia in the Bible: a devout woman, a seeking woman, a hospitable woman, and one who is fervent in spirit and serves the Lord.

Mr. Speaker, that woman is Kay Arthur.

I would like to share a story that illustrates her servant heart:

Being a high-profile Bible teacher and author has never kept Kay from striving to meet the needs of whoever crosses her path. From waiters to cab drivers, Kay Arthur seeks to truly meet people where they are, but never leave them without a pathway to hope.

One chilly afternoon, Kay and her son David were driving back to the office after a lunch appointment. Kay noticed a lady in a wheelchair on the side of the road. David was instructed to promptly pull over. Kay sprang out of the car and approached the woman. After a quick conversation, Kay took off her full-length winter coat, wrapped it around this lady and shared that Jesus loves her, and the coat is a sign of His gracious love to her.

Kay never meets a stranger, no matter if in Chattanooga or a country across the world. She loves people, and she loves her Lord Jesus. She consistently seeks to demonstrate her love with kind words and actions. She truly has the servant heart of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mr. Speaker, as you have just heard, Kay, like Lydia, has committed her life to her faith and exemplifies what it is to be a woman of God.

I would like to congratulate Kay Arthur on receiving the prestigious Lydia

Impact Award and thank her for her blessing our Nation with her Christian heart and service.

SOCIALISM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. HIMES) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to talk about a word that is everywhere, a word that is the response to every idea that we come up with, and that word is "socialism."

It is a scary word. It is a magical word. It is the word that comes up every time Democrats propose a plan to better educate America's children—socialism; to make the elderly more secure in their retirement—socialism; to make healthcare available to people in this country who still can't see a doctor—socialism.

It is a magical word because, if you say "socialism," then it allows you to hide the fact that you actually don't have a counterplan, that when the Democrats say here are a bunch of plans to make healthcare better and you don't have a plan, you just say "socialism," and that could end the conversation.

It is a magical word because it allows you to distract from the fact that, if you actually do the things to better educate America's children or to make America's retirees more secure in their retirement or to make healthcare more available, that costs a little money. The problem with that is that, for my Republican colleagues, that money needs to go into tax cuts for the wealthiest people in this country and for corporations. That is a problem.

By the way, it is not a new thing. This has been going on for 100 years. I have a quote here from President Reagan. He is talking about Medicare here:

And behind it will come other Federal programs that will invade every area of freedom as we know it in this country until, one day, we will awake to find that we have socialism.

Ronald Reagan promised us that Medicare, probably one of the most successful programs this country has ever put forward, would lead to socialism. It goes back before that.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who did so much to make for the decency that is endemic in this country after the Depression, the Securities and Exchange Commission so that our capitalist economy would be a fair economy, the progressive income tax so we could actually fund our military and fund education—all socialism. He was a traitor to his class. He was a socialist. This goes way back.

So having quoted Ronald Reagan, let me quote another great leader, Inigo Montoya, in "The Princess Bride." He says: "You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means."

So what does socialism mean? What is socialism?

Here is the dictionary definition. It is a system in which there is no private property or a system in which the government owns the means of production.

What is that? Is Medicare socialist? At Mount Sinai or Sloan Kettering, are those hospitals or doctors working for the government? Of course not.

Was Dodd-Frank socialist? No. Dodd-Frank put in place regulations that have allowed JPMorgan Chase, Citibank, Wells Fargo, and all those banks to be more profitable than ever before. That is not socialism.

What is particularly interesting is socialism is just a lot of government in your economy. I took time to look at States where government is actually a big part of the economy. You can look this up, Mr. Speaker.

There is an article called, "The Top Five Most Socialist States." West Virginia, Alaska, Wyoming, Mississippi, and Arkansas are the five States with the largest percentage of government spending as part of their economy—deep, deep red States. The top five socialist States, Republican.

Now, what about those socialist States that my Republican friends call socialist? Here are a couple of them: California, New York, Massachusetts—that is Taxachusetts.

California: My friend, DEVIN NUNES, the Representative from California, because they are trying to take plastic out of the Pacific Ocean, called California socialist.

These are the economic powerhouses of the Nation. They have GDPs that look like small countries. They have innovators; they start companies. And the reason for that is because innovators and business people want to start businesses in communities where there are good schools, access to healthcare, and people have the wages to actually buy their products.

So, Mr. Speaker, don't be fooled by that magical word, "socialism." Socialism is what is used to address every effort that we make to make for a more fair and just society. That is not socialism.

These things—increased wages, better healthcare, and better access to education—are not socialism. They are in the finest tradition of making sure that opportunity is available to every American and that the American Dream will not die.

CONSTITUTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BYRNE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise questions of grave constitutional significance.

Last week, the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee requested the IRS turn over years' worth of President Trump's personal and business tax returns. These are returns that cover business decisions and dealings long before the President came to office.