

Are you listening to today's issues? Our guest now is Doctor Walter V Wendler. He's president of West TX A&M University, based in Canyon, TX, and he joins us now. Good morning, doctor windler.

Good morning, Tim. It's a pleasure to be with you. Appreciate the opportunity to visit.

Absolutely, Sir. First of all, tell us where is Canyon, TX and tell us a little bit about your university.

I will. I'm pleased to West TX A&M University, located in Canyon, is about 15 miles South of Amarillo and we are up in the basically the center of the Texas Panhandle. There's not much of Texas left north of Amarillo. It's it's important in a lot of small communities and very important ad communities, but the fact that there is not much population up here, it it it, it tapers off pretty quick.

Wait, did you say you're South or you say?

Great. Thanks.

You're South or north of Amarillo.

Just S 15 miles South of Amarillo.

Well, it's called Canyon TX cause there's a Canyon there, right?

Well, yeah, and it's more than just a Canyon. It's it's the second largest Canyon in the United States. As a matter of fact, when when our sons, one of our sons visitors visited us from Dallas the first time he came up here, we went out to the Canyon. I hadn't been there. I said I said, Brad, you know how these these Texans are. I said that. This could just be a little ripple on the ground. Well, we pulled up to the edge of this thing and I thought holy smoke. So this is not a ripple in the ground. This is a tear in the face of the Earth and it is a huge Canyon and it is. And it's it's, it's just beautiful. It's it's amazing to see.

Hey man.

Doctor wendler? Yes, yes, yes, Sir. One of the one of the things we were just talking about, the kind of the conspiracy theories that people discuss and, you know, more and more frequently now. But one of the things that is not really a conspiracy.

Amazing to. See.

Wait.

Is what is happening on our college and university campuses with regards to students being taught from the woke agenda playbook, the foundational principles of our Republic

either never being taught or being dismantled and the country. Being denigrated and our founding principles being rejected. What what? What is happening generally on our college and university campuses? And it seems as if you and others at West TX A&M University are trying to stem the tide.

Yes, Sir. I think it's. I think it's fair to say that there is a general trend in the United States in higher education towards a kind of universalist view of universities that they should all be doing the same thing. We have taken exactly the opposite perspective here. Our goal as a regional university is to serve. West, TX, the Panhandle and the South Plains and be reflective of and responsive to the values of the people. That live here. This is not Houston. It's not New York. It's not San Francisco. It is Canyon, TX. And we're in an area that's larger than the state of West Virginia with slightly less than 400,000 people in it. We are the center of the production of food, fuel and. Fiber in the United States of America and these communities that surround this university produce the food, fuel and fiber that feeds, powers and clothes our nation and in. Order to do that. And I believe this deep in my heart, in order to do that, a certain value system is necessary. They're not growing corn in Central Park. They're, you know, we grow, we grow weed and corn, and we raise animals up here. Food, animals, dairy cows. We are the center. Of food production for the United States within 100 miles of WT. 30% of the beef that's consumed in the United States is produced 30%, which is remarkable. We have 6,000,000 head of cow. We had 6,000,000 cattle within within 100 miles and less than 300,000 people. So it's a, you know it's a. It's a very agriculturally rich region of Texas, and in order to serve this region, we have to be mindful of the values that of the people that produce the food, fuel and. And there they tend to be rural values and they tend to be values that I call. I like to think of as informed conservative values. The the folks that live here recognized that they need to be free to do things that are responsive. I think to the founding principles of our. Country we've just established a something that we call the Hill Institute, which has so far rate we've raised \$23 million for this effort and we're looking at the values of this region, things like trust and family life, hard work, regard for others, personal responsibility and free will. Coupled as concepts that drive healthy economies, especially healthy agricultural economy. Patriotism and love of country these patriotism on many university campuses is nearly a dirty work. Not so here. We we look. At the importance of of public and private virtue. The free and. Open exercise of faith, very important to people in this region. And we don't shy away from that. We're running straight at it as a way to serve people in West. Texas. So it's, you know, little by little I think this is beginning to take hold and I really do think Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick was up there when we announced the establishment of The Hill Institute at West TX A&M University. And Governor Patrick said, you know, I've looked at all these values and these aren't just values that are important to the Texas Panhandle, their values that are

important to Texas and indeed values that are important to the United States of America. And I agree with that. And I think too often on college campuses today, we were running away from. The fundamentals. And I think we do so at our own apparel and and I think that's one of the reasons that some folks have lost confidence in higher education apart from the you know, rapidly rising costs, questionable returns on investment for various degree programs and so on. We're trying to run straight at those issues and be very mindful of the investment that people make when they come here and the importance of these fundamental values in serving our students and the communities where we where we live.

Our guest has been Doctor Walter V Wendler, president of West TX A&M University, located in Canyon, TX doctor Windler I love what I'm hearing from you. How can people who are considering sending their kids to a State University somewhere? How can they find out more about?

Yeah. And when are you going?

Next segment.

To be fired. Because it won't be long. You keep talking like this. For a friend.

Well, I'm not worried about being fired. I've I've got other issues. I've got some other issues, but but at any rate.

OK.

By the way, our Chancellor and our board is very supportive of what we're trying to do here and they recognize the power of it. But in order to find out more about West TX A&M University in Canyon, TX. All people have to. Do is is put in a search bar WTAMU. Dot Edu. And further, if they're interested in the Hill Institute and I'm. I don't want to brag about this, but this hill Institute that has had quite a number of donors, the largest donor is the Alex family. Alex, fairly family here in in Amarillo. These these folks are supporting this thing. And if they get to the. Wtamu's website againwtamu.edu and put in the search box on the upper right side. All you have to do is write in hill and it'll take you to The Hill Institute and it's it's intriguing especially I think. For people that are interested in, I don't know how else to describe it. But conservative values and I know that word carries a lot of baggage and so on and so forth in different ways. But the fact of the matter is, these values, these deeply seeded values, are the things that are vast, majority of the people at West TX A&M. University are interested in and pursuing vigorously on a day-to-day basis.

Thank you, Doctor Wendler. I appreciate you being all with us. God bless you, brother. And your mission there in the school and the students. And we need. We need to hear more.

Or.

Public universities, we we we we support Christian and private schools too, but it's good to hear public universities to who believe in the good American patriotic values that we we all grew up with. Thank you brother. Appreciate it.

Right. Right.

Yeah. OK. Thank you, I. Appreciate the opportunity to visit with you gentlemen.

OK. Thank you, doctor. Walter Wendler, WENDLER talking. About.

That's great here.

West, TX A&M University in Canyon, TX.

Well, I was unaware of the of this particular university and now haven't heard from him and heard what they're about. If I if I had.

Right. All right.

The right getting ready for school that would be on my. List.

Yeah, I was thinking the same thing.