

“DEEPLY RELIGIOUS DEMOCRAT” GARNERS ATTENTION

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Every survey over the past few decades shows that the Democratic Party is overrepresented by secularists, many of whom are anti-religion, especially anti-Christian. That is why its leaders are attracted to someone who might be able to resonate with Christians, yet appeal to their base. They think they have found one in James Talarico.

Rep. Talarico serves in the Texas legislature, and after a lengthy interview with podcast superstar Joe Rogan, he is the talk of the town in Democratic circles. “You need to run for president,” [Rogan said](#). The 36-year-old might just do that, but now he is contemplating a run for the U.S. Senate.

Two years ago, Talarico caught the eye of Politico, the influential news website. The [title](#) of the article tells why: “James Talarico is a Deeply Religious Democrat Who Just Might Be the Next Big Thing in Texas.”

It is not every day that Politico finds someone who is “uniquely positioned to actually be the Democrat who wins statewide.” An “aspiring preacher,” he has been attending the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary; he is in the Masters of Divinity program.

All of this is music to the ears of Democrats looking for someone other than a socialist to save them. But the more we know about him, the more the music sounds discordant.

As it turns out, Talarico is a die-hard secularist dressed in religious garb. In many ways, he is just like that “devout Catholic,” Joe Biden, only worse—he is a preacher man.

Talarico's mentor is Rev. Jim Rigby. His pastor not only supports the whole panoply of gay rights, he loves [ordaining](#) gay and lesbian clergy. When Talarico was invited to give his first sermon in Rigby's church in 2023, he chose to discuss abortion. He [asked](#) the parishioners, "Did they teach you in Sunday school that Jesus Christ himself was a radical feminist?"

In 2022, Talarico [wrote](#) to Biden asking him to issue three executive orders: 1) lease federal property to abortion clinics on federal lands or in federal offices 2) prohibit states from imposing restrictions on abortion medication through the Food and Drug Administration, and 3) hire abortion providers as federal employees. It is for reasons like this that in 2019 Texas Right to Life awarded him [a score of 0%](#).

To an increasing number of Americans, allowing minors to undergo sex-reassignment surgery is child abuse. Allowing boys and men to compete against girls and women, and to shower together, is considered unjust. But not to Talarico—he's all in. Indeed, he [tells his fans](#) that those who oppose genital mutilation, chemical castration and puberty blockers are "pushing us to waste time on these culture war issues." He accuses his critics of wanting to "hurt trans kids."

Talarico is so far gone that he actually believes there are sexes beyond male and female. He [told](#) one of his colleagues, "In fact, there are six." He did not have a name for these creatures or share pictures of them. He should also be asked to explain why he chose six and not seven.

The "aspiring preacher" wants to ban the display of the Ten Commandments in the schools, but not "[sexually explicit materials](#)."

When a bill to mandate the display of the Ten Commandments surfaced in the Texas legislature, Talarico, who [explicitly called himself](#) a "devout Christian," said it was "deeply un-

Christian.” He even branded it “idolatrous” and “un-American.” But some were ecstatic about what he said. Barack Obama advisor David Axelrod and California Governor Gavin Newsom [were blown away](#), casting him as their new savior.

Talarico says he wants to help the poor, but his policies suggest he wants to keep them in their place. He strongly opposes school choice measures, calling them “[welfare for the wealthy](#).” But it is the poor, not the wealthy, who cannot afford to place their children in a private or parochial school. No matter, he wants to consign them to failing public schools.

Perversely, Talarico is actually an advocate of “welfare for the wealthy.” He places no income limit on giving away a [whole range of services](#). He supports medical debt forgiveness, baby bonds, subsidized marriage counseling, and what he calls “Medicaid for Y’All.”

Given his passion for radical transgenderism and abortion, it is hardly surprising to learn that he has won the endorsement of the [Human Rights Campaign](#) and [Planned Parenthood](#). He’s their kind of guy.

Obama and Biden both said they believed in religious liberty. Obama declared war on the Little Sisters of the Poor and Biden’s FBI spied on Catholics. Talaricio is cut from the same cloth.

If he is regarded as a “deeply religious Democrat,” we’d hate to meet those who aren’t.

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