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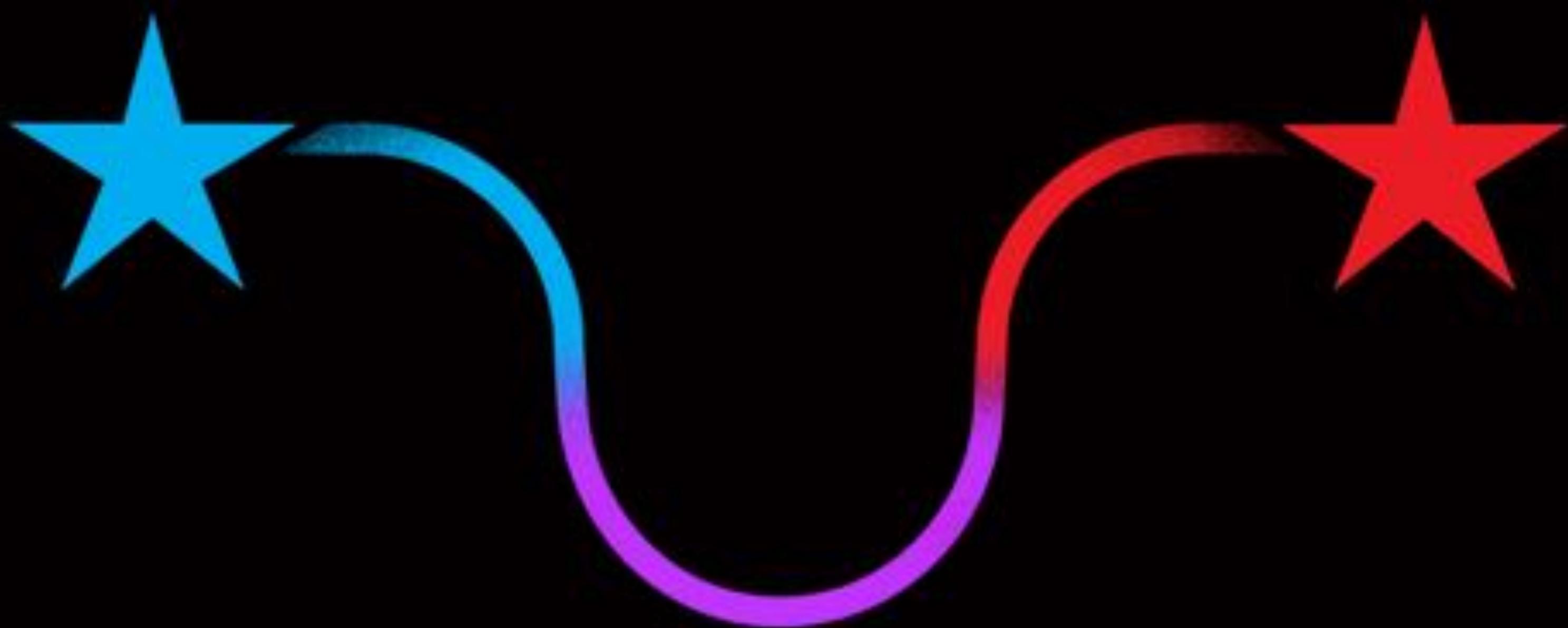


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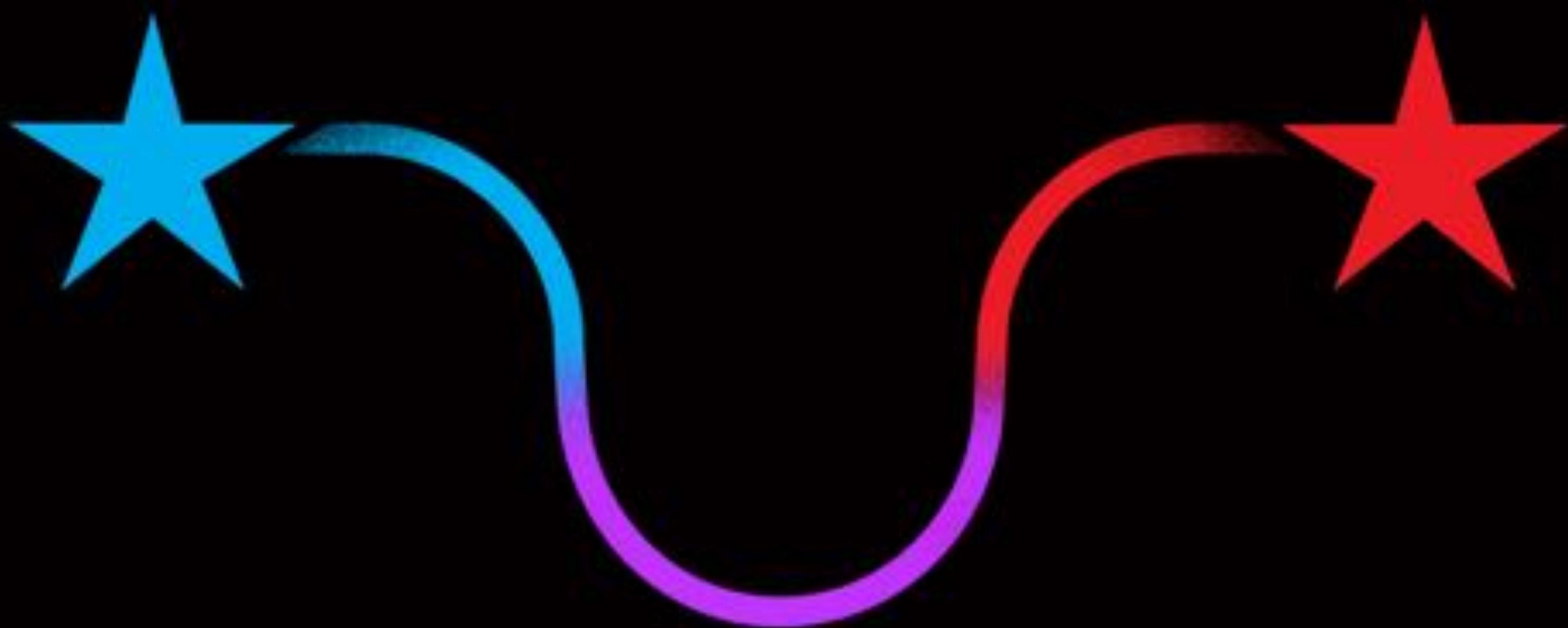


Classic Bell Curve



Reverse Bell Curve

**“How could anyone
who calls themselves
a Christian vote
for _____?”**



Reverse Bell Curve

*The political terms
we use are not found
in the Bible.*

Republican - Democrat

Conservative - Liberal

The Politics of Jesus

The Style of Jesus

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*"All **authority** in heaven and earth has been given to me."* - Matthew 28:18

*Jesus is "**the ruler** of the kings of the earth"*
- Revelation 1:5

*"Seek first the **kingdom** of God"*
- Matthew 6:33

*"Of the greatness of **his government** there will be no end"* - Isaiah 9:7

**“Jesus is not coming back to
take sides; He is coming
back to take over.”**

- Dr. Tony Evans

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**Jesus Politics: He showed
special concern for the
marginalized and the poor.**

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.

³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Matthew 25:31-32 (NIV 2011)

³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

Matthew 25:33-34 (NIV 2011)

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,
³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV 2011)

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him,
‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and
feed you, or thirsty and give you
something to drink? ³⁸ When did we
see you a stranger and invite you in, or
needing clothes and clothe you?’

Matthew 25:37-38 (NIV 2011)

³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Matthew 25:39-40 (NIV 2011)

**Jesus Politics: God cares for
the born and the unborn.**

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my
mother's womb.

Psalm 139:13 (NIV 2011)

**862,000 abortions
in the U.S. in 2017**

- *The Guttmacher Institute*

We are monarchists.

We do not fit in a democracy.

- Protecting Religious Freedom
- Safeguarding the Nature and Sanctity of Human Life
- Strengthening Marriages, Families and Children
- Seeking Justice and Compassion for the Poor and Vulnerable

- Preserving Human Rights
- Pursuing Racial Justice and Reconciliation
- Promoting Just Peace and Restraining Violence
- Caring for God's Creation

Source: National Association of Evangelicals
– For the Health of the Nation

The Style of Jesus

...first, Simon (who is called Peter)
and his brother Andrew; James son
of Zebedee, and his brother John;
³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and
Matthew the tax collector; James son
of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;
⁴ **Simon the Zealot** and Judas Iscariot,
who betrayed him.

Matthew 10:2b-4 (NIV 2011)

“At any other occasion these men might have been ready to **stick a knife into each other**, but here they are all part of one group around Jesus.”

- M.J. Wilkins – Commentary on Matthew

⁴² “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ **Not so with you.** Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.

Mark 10:42-44 (NIV 2011)

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45 (NIV 2011)

¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

John 13:14-15 (NIV 2011)

“I just wanted to share w you that the small prayer group (5 women of various political stripes praying for the upcoming election) is the best prayer group ever!!! Why? We do not talk politics at all. We do not present solutions. We pray. We look to God instead of trying to hash things out ourselves...”

“We confess that my agenda might not be His. We look at each other and are reminded that sincere Christ followers see things differently. We confess that it is not our job to manage the universe it is His... This group is all about God’s will being done despite who wins the election.”