

**Robert Nicholson:** Sometimes I compare the West to a film I saw from the early 2000s, called *Bourne Identity*. *The Bourne Identity* is about an American spy who wakes up in the middle of the ocean, in the middle of a storm, and he has no idea who he is, or where he came from, or what he's doing there. And he is also trying to figure out why he is being hunted and pursued, why he's wounded. The whole movie is about this man's quest for identity, trying to figure out why do they want to kill me, why is the whole world against me? For me, that's exactly what's happening in the West right now. We have forgotten who we are, we are very good at all kinds of technical things, we are very powerful, but at the same time we don't know who we are, or where we are going or what we are doing. We feel a sense of mission but we actually don't know what the mission is. And so for me, as I'm thinking about the future of the West, and as I talk to people all over this country, my call to action is remember who you are. You are not just this mere human who is a citizen of the universe. You are the product of a distinct tradition and whether you like it or not, even if you reject Christianity or Judaism, you are the project of a unique faith and a unique religious tradition and the sooner you recognize that, the sooner you begin to mine those sources, to go back and say okay, I'm from this tradition, what does this tradition have to say? What does it have to offer in this civilizational struggle. The sooner you begin to actually build a plan for moving into the future, for confronting these people who are threatening our society. My call to action, of course we need to protect ourselves, we need to protect ourselves, we need to guard our borders, we need to be prosecuting the war against extremism, but that war will be for naught if it's not based on something more than just kill something, we need to be thinking about building something. And we need to build the West. This is really the only solution to the struggle that we are facing.