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*“When you become entitled to exercise the right of voting for public officers, let it be impressed on your mind that God commands you to choose for rulers just men who will rule in the fear of God. The preservation of a republican government depends on the faithful discharge of this duty.”*

Noah Webster, 1832

**Voting for Values in 2010**

In just less than two weeks, millions of individuals will be casting their votes in numerous congressional, senatorial, and gubernatorial races. Two years of controversial legislation and a vast increase in the nation’s spending have left voters more determined than ever to let their voices be heard. With jobs and the economy as the two top issues in this election, supporters of the healthcare law, the stimulus package, and the multiple bailouts of the auto and banking industry are in a tizzy trying to defend their votes. However, other issues including life, traditional marriage, and pro-family issues are also at stake and demand as much attention. Be sure to take the time to research each candidate and vote for the one who best represents your values. Many conservative organizations have put together voter guides to help voters make informed decisions about the candidates. Please click on each following organization to view their voter guides: [American Family Association Christian Voter Guide](#); [Concerned Women for America](#); [Eagle Forum](#); [National Right to Life](#); [Susan B. Anthony List](#).

**Life Issue in Health Care Still Alive**

As the elections draw near and tensions run high, “pro-life” Democrats who voted for the health care law now have to defend their controversial vote that, according to major pro-life groups, was the biggest expansion of abortion funding since Roe v. Wade. After caving in to pressures from the White House and settling for an Executive Order – which is none other than a quick, temporary solution to “fix” the abortion problem – certain pro-life Democrats cast their vote to pass the health care law. They are now facing the toughest battle to be re-elected. And they are not playing nice. In an attempt to [gag his critics](#), Rep. Steve Driehaus (D-OH) filed a complaint with the Ohio Elections Commission against the Susan B. Anthony List, a pro-life group that is working to inform voters of Rep. Driehaus’s controversial vote. Rep. Driehaus [accused](#) the SBA of making “false statements” and violating state law after he was made aware of billboards the group planned to put up in his district that stated, “Driehaus voted FOR taxpayer-funded abortion.” A three-member panel of the elections commission originally sided with Driehaus. But the case has since been sent to a seven-member panel that will likely hand down its decision on October 28<sup>th</sup>. In reaction to the accusations, the SBA and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) have [teamed up](#) in an unusual collaboration to file a law suit and essentially to overturn the state law, which they say violates free speech. The case is presently sitting in a U.S. District Court in southern Ohio.

**Judge Rules on DADT**

Last month, U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips ruled that the military policy which prohibits recruiters from questioning a person’s sexual orientation, “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” and the underlying law that prohibits

homosexuals from serving in the military were both [unconstitutional](#). The Department of Defense showed support with a swift action mandating that military recruiters [must allow](#) applications of open homosexuals. However, this week a three-judge panel at the U.S. 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals granted a temporary stay, expressing that the court needed more time to “consider fully the [issues](#) presented” and to examine if the district judge ruled beyond her authority. Despite the President and his Administration’s opposition to the policy, the [appeal was filed](#) by the Administration as it is [customary](#) for them to defend current federal laws and policies.

The Administration has fervently sought to end the policy by means of the legislature. A repeal of DADT passed the House of Representatives, but the Senate’s defense authorization bill, which included an amendment to repeal DADT, failed to pass. However, many believe the repeal of DADT will be a key component of the Democrat’s Lame Duck agenda after the November elections.

### **Update: School Choice in U.S. Supreme Court**

This week, the [Pew Research Center](#) released a report titled “[In the Courts: Voucher Battle Redux](#)” which summarizes the school choice case that is before the U.S. Supreme Court that will undoubtedly have a significant impact on school choice in our country. In this case, *Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization v. Winn*, the constitutionality of a tax-credit program in Arizona is being challenged with charges that it violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The American Association of Christian schools was pleased to [sign on to an amicus brief](#), submitted by Liberty Counsel, which focuses on the true purpose of the Establishment Clause and seeks to clarify the standards by which the Establishment Clause should be used to determine the constitutionality of a case. The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments on this case on November 3. To read the report by the Pew Research Center, click [here](#).

### **DOE and Hispanic Education**

This week the President [signed an Executive Order](#) to “renew and enhance the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics,” with hopes of better serving “communities across the country by engaging them in the process of improving the education of Latino students.” The signing was preceded by a two day National Education Summit on Hispanic Education hosted by the Department of Education.

The new Executive Order is a [call to action](#) on the Administration’s high priority items. It includes establishing a Presidential Advisory Commission dedicated to providing “real-time input and advice on the development, implementation and coordination of education policy and programs that impact the Hispanic community,” as well as creating a “Federal Interagency Working Group” with the purpose of exchanging resources and addressing “issues impacting the lives of Hispanics nationwide, including housing, health, finance, employment and education, among others.” The President also mentioned his agenda to further early childhood education, stating, “We are expanding and reforming early childhood education so that our children aren't behind by the time they reach the schoolhouse door.”

### **In Case You Missed It:**

[Weekly Market Update](#) provided by Jeff Beach of the [AACS Investment Team at Merrill Lynch](#)

["Just Cookies No Politics" – Bakery Under Fire for Refusing to Fill Order for “National Coming Out Day”](#)

[Eight Straight Suicides - Commentary on Dealing with Bullying](#)

[California Principal Disciplined for Endorsing Prayer Breakfast](#)

[Facebook Joins with Gay Advocate Group to Censor "Hate Speech"](#)



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