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“Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness – these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. . . . Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

George Washington, Farewell Address 1796

Pregnancy Test Administered in School

Nearly a year ago the parents of a 12- year- old girl were horrified when their daughter returned home from public school and told them a school counselor, after hearing rumors, forced the young girl to [take a pregnancy test](#). The girl had been called out of class and questioned on the matter after a school counselor heard rumors that she was pregnant. While the girl denied such rumors, the counselor pressured the girl to take the pregnancy test without any consultation with her parents. In fact, the parents were not consulted after the test was taken as well, and were only aware of the scenario until their daughter returned home and told them of the humiliating affair.

While the parents have asked the school to explain their reasoning for administering such a test without any reasonable evidence and without parental consent, the school denies all allegations for lack of credibility. The Pacific Justice Institute took on the case last spring and continues to lead the case in order to ensure this does not happen again. According to Troy Vahidi, an affiliate with PJI, “The school counselor had no right to force an emotionally fragile 12-year-old to take a pregnancy test. She was humiliated, and her privacy rights were trampled. Every minor has the right to make sensitive decisions such as taking a pregnancy test in consultation with her parents and medical providers.”

While the case stood at a standstill for some time, a classmate who witnessed the incident has come forward in a testimony giving [new evidence](#) to the truth. According to the classmate’s testimony, the school counselor announced to her that he had just administered the pregnancy test on the young girl and it came back negative as she sat in the school office. PJI staff attorney Matthew McReynolds commented about the new testimony, “We have always felt the evidence in this case is compelling, and last week’s testimony by a former classmate with no stake in this lawsuit confirms our suspicions. We are also concerned that there may be more victims who have yet to come forward.”

Brad Dacus, president of Pacific Justice Institute, stated, “This case could have been quickly resolved at the outset with a simple apology and policy change. Since the school district has chosen to deny any wrongdoing, we will continue to fight to ensure that what happened to this 12-year-old girl never happens again in this or any other California school district.”

Hate Crimes Sits on the President's Desk

This week the Senate voted on the DOD conference report that included the controversial issue of hate crimes. While the final version of the bill as reported by the conference contained the hate crimes language, it also contained the Brownback amendment designed to protect religious freedom and speech. However, another amendment by Senator Leahy was also included which waters down the language of the Brownback amendment, making it prone to litigations and future threats to our First Amendment rights and privileges.

The AACS Legislative Office sent a letter to Senators urging them to vote against the Defense authorization and demand a new clean bill stating, "Legislation designed to support our troops and defend our nation is not the vehicle for a divisive issue such as hate crimes. While it is essential that we support and finance our troops and their efforts, the DOD report from Conference as it currently stands is an insult to our nation's heroes in uniform and should not pass the Senate. We urge you to vote against the DOD conference report in its current form and work to produce a clean DOD bill."

Dr. Wiebe, President of AACS, stated, "Members of Congress should not be placed in a position where they must choose between voting to support our troops, and voting on the controversial and constitutionally suspect issue of hate crimes."

This week however, despite the efforts of many organizations the Senate voted on final passage of the DOD bill with the hate crimes language, passing it with a vote of 79-21. As the report has already passed the House it will only be a matter of weeks till it is signed into law by the President.

AACS Participates in Pro-Life Press Conference

This week, pro-life lawmakers joined with advocates from several pro-life organizations to voice their concern that the health care reform bill being considered in Congress will allow taxpayer dollars to be used to fund abortions. Those speaking at the event included 11 Members of Congress along with representatives from Focus on the Family Action, the National Right to Life Committee, Concerned Women for America, the American Family Association, the Susan B. Anthony List, and the American Association of Christian Schools spoke.

While the Democrat leadership has promised that government funds will not be used for abortions, their rhetoric does not line up with their actions as prominent pro-abortion Members of Congress have obstructed any pro-life measure from being added to health care reform. In addition, misinformation has been spread on the issue claiming that the Hyde Amendment keeps abortion from being funded. In reality, the Hyde Amendment only ensures that federal monies appropriated through Health and Human Services will not fund abortions. The current health care legislation appropriates monies through a different funding stream, thereby bypassing the restriction of the Hyde Amendment.

"To refuse to add any pro-life amendment to the proposed health care reform bill is to deliberately allow government funds to be used for abortion," said Dr. Wiebe, President of the American Association of Christian Schools, in a released statement. "Not only is Congress denying the moral conscience of the taxpayer to protect the unborn in health care reform, but they are also refusing to listen to the voices of tens of millions of Americans."

Dr. Wiebe continued, "The American Association of Christian Schools is concerned about the welfare and well-being of all children, including the unborn. Therefore we call on the Democratic leadership to answer the call and ensure that the life and health of all American citizens are cared for and protected in health care reform, including the lives of the unborn."

To listen to all those who spoke at the Press Conference please click [here](#)

Donor Makes David Barton Video, “Is America a Christian Nation?” Available to Christian School Students

A generous and concerned donor has made the David Barton video, “Is America a Christian Nation?” available on line. The target audience is Christian school students. In the fifty-minute video, David Barton presents compelling evidence for the Christian foundations of American government and society. Please share the video with your teachers and encourage them to use the video to help their students understand our Christian heritage.

In the video, Barton brings to light many of the signers of the Declaration whose names are never mentioned in history books and the importance and influence each brought forth to America’s beginnings. Through examples in writings and stories, Barton brought to life the Biblical heritage and the importance religion and the Christian principles were to government. In one example, Barton expressed the desire and eagerness for the newly established independent America to establish the first English translation of the Bible to be printed in America. Because of an old British law, it was prohibited to print an English Bible in any English colony. However; once the war had been won and America had gained her independence, a month later plans were made to print the first English Bible in America. Its printer was the Congress of the United States with the purpose according to the congressional record as “a neat edition of the Holy Scriptures for the use of our schools.” In fact, public school itself was designed to educate every child on the Bible and as such used the Bible as its main textbook for over two-hundred years. The very first public school law was called the “Old Deluder Satan Act” with a purpose to educate every child on the Bible and the principles of Christianity.

Barton continued his discussion with topics on stewardship and the necessity for people of faith to vote. He digressed into the life of Benjamin Rush, whom Adams described as one of the chief founding fathers along with George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. Perhaps one of the most amazing accounts of our history were the long sessions of prayer congress would have prior to consulting to business. In some recorded instances, the opening prayer would exceed three hours and according to first-hand accounts not an eye present was without a tear.

Not only did Barton bring history to life in the discussion, the knowledge he possessed regarding the historical evidence of the Christian heritage that the founding fathers brought and used to form the greatest and longest lasting government in history was encouraging and inspiring. The video is a huge benefit to teachers and professors who wish to share with their class the accurate and historically evidenced beginnings of America that many textbooks fail to include.

To watch the video please click [here](#)

New Resources Concerning the Family

Groundbreaking and beneficial resources that touch on issues including Family and Marriage are making their way off the press and are providing conservatives and those in the fight to preserve traditional family values and the sanctity of marriage with a great source of knowledge and data. Released just this month, both [Family in America](#) by the [Howard Center](#) for Family, Religion, and Society and [The Marriage Index](#) by the Institute for American Values are great sources that fully digress into the present state of the essential and Divinely appointed institution of Family. Both sources provide accurate information on indicators which affect the family and more specifically marriage and give light into the future course of action in restoring the family. These resources may be viewed or downloaded online and can be of great benefit to pastors, administrators, teachers, and parents.

In Case You Missed It:

[“Making the Grade isn't about Race. It's about Parents.”](#)

[Tax Dollars Should not Fund Abortion](#)



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