



Mainstream Values & Principles Activism

Greetings!

To prevent the transformation of our society from one based on Judeo-Christian principles to one based on secular "humanism", "science", and "modernism", we in the mainstream must act now! Progressives, while appealing to our sensibilities, have cleverly enabled and empowered those on the fringes of society to overwhelm mainstream values and principles and to rely on an "omnipotent" powerful government for enforcement. In essence, the tail is now wagging the dog. To stop this rapid progression to secular nihilism, the mainstream must push back! Not only does the mainstream represent many more people, but our values and principles are founded in FAIRNESS and TRUTH.

Who We Are

About eighty-four percent of the United States population professes to be persons-of-faith. Of these, about ninety-two percent are Christian, with 65% of this percentage being Protestant, 30% Catholic, and 5% other Christian denominations. Of the six-percent non-Christians, 36% are Jewish. Net, the United States is predominantly a Judeo-Christian nation. While these diverse people-of-faith span the political spectrum, they all believe in the biblical-based principles of Life, Liberty, and Creativity derived both from the Hebrew Bible and New Testament Christian Bible. Along with our use of reason and common sense, these Bibles are the foundation for our sense of right and wrong which is woven into the values, habits, and language of mainstream American culture.

Grounded in the History of the United States

Our nation was founded on Judeo-Christian principles, as evidenced in the following words from the Declaration of Independence: "We hold

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these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness..." . While acknowledging that our rights are derived from God, our Founding Fathers did not place Biblical morality directly into our founding documents. This assured a separation of church and state, and with it, any potential of theocratic, totalitarian rule. Our Founding Fathers did not, though, separate God from the state. Instead they placed God explicitly into the national life of the United States as evidenced in inscriptions on our federal buildings and currency, our laws, and our mottos such as: "In God We Trust" and "One Nation under God." This conviction of our Founding Fathers is best exemplified by John Adams when he said: *"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."* KrisAnne Hall, a Constitutional lawyer, provides an excellent presentation on [Religious Liberty and the First Amendment](#). Just click on the link.

The Current Threat to our Judeo-Christian Heritage

We are now witnessing an attempt from government to usurp Judeo-Christian-based morality and its associated values and principles in the public square and replace it with its own secular "religion" based on "science", "modernism", and "humanism". The most recent affront to Judeo-Christian-based morality is Obamacare, which forces religious organizations to provide contraceptive and abortion services for employees contrary to their beliefs. Unfortunately, this cleansing of religion in the public square has been aided and abetted by many of the churches, along with well-funded progressive lawyers, in an overzealous attempt to acknowledge and aid those on the fringes of society. The consequence of this development is that we now have individuals and minorities dictating the culture which affects the majority. This results in the destruction of Judeo-Christian foundational elements such as family, marriage, and the "values" our children are taught in schools. The purported progressive advancement of diversity and tolerance does not include those who share Judeo-Christian beliefs.

History has shown us that this progression to nihilism, where good and bad is personally defined by each individual, ultimately leads to anarchy and then to a totalitarian state. Once the religious institutions' power and influence have been removed from the public square, only government remains as the enforcer of the state's "secular religion", since individuals alone lack such power. This was the case under socialist NAZI Germany and under Communism in Mao's China and Lenin's Russia. Even less extreme examples, such as state-sponsored Socialism as practiced currently throughout Europe, show the negative effects on individual freedom, initiative, self-esteem, and standard-of-living - all contrary to "American Exceptionalism". Despite Socialism's claims that it benefits the economic "common good", this is not true, as evidenced by the fact that the average family on welfare in the United States has a higher standard-of-life than the average Swedish family. Sweden is frequently viewed as the epitome of Socialism.

The aforementioned historical progression is best captured by A.D. Lindsay in his classic 1943 study, *The Modern Democratic State*.

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The rights for which our "forebears fought," namely "the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God." - **John F. Kennedy's** Inaugural Address

We are "in reality standing up for what is best in the American dream and for the most sacred values in our Judeo-Christian heritage, thereby bringing our nation back to those great wells of democracy which were dug deep by the founding fathers in their formulations of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence." - **Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.** from his historic *Letters from a Birmingham Jail*.

"Religion does not give [Americans] their taste of freedom,"... It singularly facilitates their use of it." - **Alexis de Tocqueville**

Religion and morality are "indispensable supports of our political prosperity," warning that "reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can be retained without religion." - **George Washington's** Farewell Address

"It is when people forget God that tyrants forge their chains." - **Patrick Henry**

"We are in a war." - **HHS**

Through the centuries, writes Lindsay, the Church as a distinct society, for all its frequent corruptions, provided a corrective challenge to the ambitions of the state. Specifically, *"It was perhaps equally important that the existence and prestige of the Church prevented society from being totalitarian, prevented the Omni-competent state, and preserved liberty in the only way that liberty can be preserved, by maintaining in society an organization which could stand up against the state."* In 2013, we have reached such a tipping point in the United States of America!

What Can We Do?

We must act NOW to counter the assault on our country's Judeo-Christian-based society and prevent the emergence of an "omnipotent", powerful government that is counter to what our Founding Fathers envisioned with the United States Constitution. Each of us can play a role by pursuing the following suggested actions:

- **Religious "Social Justice" Teaching** - We must engage our churches' Social Justice organizations and have them focus on voluntary charity, consistent with Bible teachings, instead of their current focus to engage in politics and advocate for government-sponsored "Social Justice" initiatives. Social Justice should be delivered as a voluntary charity which includes a sharing of religious and moral teachings, in contrast to the government's secular delivery of "Social Justice". Ironically, by attempting to outsource "Social Justice" to the secular government, churches will eventually destroy themselves as government, instead of churches, will be seen by the citizenry as satisfying "cradle to grave" needs. The empty European churches are a testament to this eventual predicament. Government-administered "Social Justice" is actually impossible with the numerous, balkanized Progressive groups. According to Progressives, no general rule or moral principle can be used as a basis for determining "Social Justice". Instead "Social Justice" is determined by each balkanized group based on "raw politics".
- **Education** - We must continue to support parochial schools and advocate for "school choice", especially for African-American and Hispanic communities in inner-cities where parents are pleading for options to the failed public schools. We should pursue educational initiatives for adults as a ministry that teaches the needy "to fish" instead of just giving them "fish". For example, we are aware of a ministry in Cincinnati, Ohio in which one person teaches at-risk youths how to obtain and keep a job, while grounding them in religious values and principles. [Homeboy Industries](#) in California is yet another excellent example. Run by Jesuits, they focus on at-risk and gang-involved youth to provide them services and job-training. Lastly, we need to become better aware of how economics really works, especially in regard to benefiting the poor and those in need, and we must share these learnings with others. [THE CHURCH AND THE MARKET](#), by Thomas Woods, Jr., is one of the best books to explain these economic principles, many of which we share on the [Economic Principles tab](#) on our website. Discussed topics include: Wealth Creation & Standard of Living, Prices/ Profits/ Wages, The Socialist Nanny State, and Social Justice.

Secretary Kathleen Sebelius' speech to NARAL (Pro-Choice, Pro-abortion organization)

"I never ... believed there was one code of morality for a public and another for a private man." - **Thomas Jefferson**, in a letter to Don Valentin de Foronda, 1809

"The cause of America is in a great measure the cause of all mankind. Where, some say, is the king of America? I'll tell you, friend, He reigns above." - **Thomas Paine**

"Those people who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants." - **William Penn**

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here." - **Patrick Henry**

"All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent." - **Thomas Jefferson**

"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound

- **Public Discussion of Judeo-Christian Values and Principles in Defiance of "Political Correctness" -**

People-of-faith must be part of the public discourse that underlies our democratic republic. The purpose is not to advocate any one religion, but to be part of the conversation that determines our public morality. We cannot cower to progressives, who are in the minority, and cede the public square discussions in the media and in education to them just because they are louder and bolder than we are. We need to learn how to counter such progressive arguments as: science is superior to faith, government must be based on human ends and not be guided by principles from the Creator, human life evolves from blind evolutionary processes and thus has no particular significance, religious beliefs are "opiates" for the masses to help them cope with life's struggles, and mankind will inexorably move towards a socialist state. We must recall what Edward Burke stated: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing".

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obscurity." - **Daniel Webster**

"Bad men cannot make good citizens. A vitiated state of morals, a corrupted public conscience are incompatible with freedom." - **Patrick Henry**

"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." - **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." - **John Adams**

"Tolerance and apathy are the last virtues of a dying society" - **Aristotle**

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