

# FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

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## Rights, Yours and Mine

"The way our Constitution's framers used the term, a right is something that exists simultaneously among people and imposes no obligation on another. For example, the right to free speech, or freedom to travel, is something we all simultaneously possess. My right to free speech or freedom to travel imposes no obligation upon another except that of non-interference. In other words, my exercising my right to speech or travel requires absolutely nothing from you and in no way diminishes any of your rights. Contrast that vision of a right to so-called rights to medical care, food or decent housing, independent of whether a person can pay. Those are not rights in the sense that free speech and freedom of travel are rights. If it is said that a person has rights to medical care, food and housing, and has no means of paying, how does he enjoy them? There's no Santa Claus or Tooth Fairy who provides them... So-called rights to medical care, food and decent housing impose an obligation on some other American who, through the tax code, must be denied his right to his earnings. In other words, when Congress gives one American a right to something he didn't earn, it takes away the right of another American to something he did earn... Three-fifths to two-thirds of the federal budget consists of taking property from one American and giving it to another. Were a private person to do the same thing, we'd call it theft. When government does it, we euphemistically call it income redistribution... Income redistribution not only betrays the founders' vision, it's a sin in the eyes of God. I'm guessing that when God gave Moses the Eighth Commandment, 'Thou shalt not steal,' I'm sure he didn't mean 'thou shalt not steal unless there was a majority vote in Congress.'" —Walter Williams in the *Federalist*.

## Those Cartoons

Three cartoons made political points. One showed Muhammad turning away suicide bombers from the gates of heaven, saying 'Stop, stop—we ran out of virgins!' —which I believe was a commentary on Muslims' predilection for violence. Another was a cartoon of Muhammad with horns, which I believe was a commentary on Muslims' predilection for violence. The third showed Muhammad with a turban in the shape of a bomb, which I believe was an expression of post-industrial ennui in a secular—oops, no, wait: It was more of a commentary on Muslims' predilection for violence. In order to express their displeasure with the idea that Muslims are violent, thousands of Muslims around the world engaged in rioting, arson, mob savagery, flag-burning, murder and mayhem, among other peaceful acts of nonviolence. Muslims are the only people who make feminists seem laid-back." —Ann Coulter in a speech at CPAC.

## MULTI-LINGUAL BALLOTS: NO MAS

"Fifty-six members of the U.S. House on Friday urged House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.), to fight the renewal of a provision in the Voting Rights Act that mandates multilingual ballots. The letter refers to special provisions added to the Voting Rights Act (VRA) in 1975 that are set to expire in 2007. The original VRA was passed in 1965. The multilingual ballot provision requires local jurisdictions to provide multi-language ballots when more than 5 percent of the voting-age population belongs to a language minority." - *CNS News*, 2/6/06

**Comment:** We should write to our elected in DC and demand that we use only English in all government functions and publications. Using multiple languages is divisive and is counter to our "melting pot" America. Ed.

## FAMILY

"It's becoming increasingly clear that strong families depend on churches, and churches depend on strong families. That statement sounds obvious to some folks. But in fact, it challenges the conventional wisdom. For a long time, misinterpreted statistics made it seem that the connection between strong faith and strong families had weakened... Well, now researchers are discovering that [that] data is flawed...

[T]he eminent authorities Dr. Brad Wilcox and Dr. Byron Johnson...examined the religious practices of people who called themselves Christians—something previous studies had not always done. In particular, they checked rates of church attendance. Their findings were striking. Although church attendance is down, those who do attend, especially weekly, are less likely to divorce. Instead they are more likely to report that their marriages are happy. And regular church attenders reported being happier in general than those who did not attend regularly.

As Wilcox and Johnson pointed out... 'For much of our nation's history, religious institutions have been the primary custodians of marriage... Family, in turn, has oriented Americans to the religious life.' It's no coincidence, then, that church attendance and marriage declined together as divorce and illegitimacy rates rise. And it's no coincidence that regular church attendance still correlates with marital faithfulness and happiness." —Chuck Colson

**Comment:** What struck me as crazy was how NBC TV news handled this report. They concentrated on couples holding hands totally ignoring the Christian and family ties in the report. Another example of either lying or changing the news to fit the MSM agenda. Ed.

Sen. Warner, 441-3079 and Senator Allen at 518-1674. Congresswoman Drake – 497-6859.  
Cong. Randy Forbes 382-0080. Cong. Robert "Bobby" Scott - 380-1000

## Education Choice

"Most countries that beat America on international tests give their students that choice. In Belgium, the government spends less than American schools do on each student, but the money is attached to the kids. So they can go wherever they want—to a state-run school, a Montessori school, or even a religious school... In public education, our land of the free is now a bunch of local fiefs, where petty-bureaucrats-turned-lords-of-the-manor decide whether you can get a decent education, and parents must go to them, begging for their children's future. Meanwhile, in Belgium and much of the rest of the world, students and their parents have the freedom to choose their schools—and the opportunity that comes with that freedom." — John Stossel

### ***This oughta upset everybody:***

*How they vote in the United Nations:*

*Below are the actual voting records of various Arabic/Islamic States which are recorded in both the US State Department and United Nations records:*

*Kuwait votes **against** the United States 67% of the time*  
*Qatar votes **against** the United States 67% of the time*  
*Morocco votes **against** the United States 70% of the time*  
*United Arab Emirates votes **against** the U. S. 70% of the time.*  
*Jordan votes **against** the United States 71% of the time.*  
*Tunisia votes **against** the United States 71% of the time.*  
*Saudi Arabia votes **against** the United States 73% of the time.*  
*Yemen votes **against** the United States 74% of the time.*  
*Algeria votes **against** the United States 74% of the time.*  
*Oman votes **against** the United States 74% of the time.*  
*Sudan votes **against** the United States 75% of the time.*  
*Pakistan votes **against** the United States 75% of the time.*  
*Libya votes **aga inst** the United States 76% of the time.*  
*Egypt votes **against** the United States 79% of the time.*  
*Lebanon votes **against** the United States 80% of the time.*  
*India votes **against** the United States 81% of the time.*  
*Syria votes **against** the United States 84% of the time.*  
*Mauritania votes **against** the United States 87% of the time.*

*US Foreign Aid to those that hate us:*

***Egypt**, for example, after voting 79% of the time against the United States, still receives **\$2 billion annually** in US Foreign Aid.*

***Jordan** votes 71% against the United States and receives **\$192,814,000 annually** in US Foreign Aid.*

***Pakistan** votes 75% against the United States receives **\$6,721,000** annually in US Foreign Aid.*

***India** votes 81% against the United States receives **\$143,699,000** annually.*

*Perhaps it is time to get out of the UN and give the tax savings back to the American workers who are having to skimp and sacrifice to pay the taxes (and gasoline).*

*Pass this along to every taxpaying citizen you know. And send to your congressman, who should be disgraced but couldn't care less. From the Internet... Ed.*

**"The argument of flexibility...goes something like this: The Constitution is over 200 years old and societies change. It has to change with society, like a living organism, or it will become brittle and break. But you would have to be an idiot to believe that."**  
—Justice Antonin Scalia *I love it!* Ed.

### **Crossover day: Feb 15, 2006**

All the bills considered by each house in the Virginia legislator are passed to the other house on Crossover day. We are half way finished. No new bills may be considered, each house now must consider the other's bills. They can pass them, change them or send them to committee for reconciliation. This is the way in Virginia. Read more on the bills passed that are friendly to families by visiting the Family foundation's web site. <http://www.familyfoundation.org/>

We won some and lost some. We should all participate by keeping up on bills and calling our elected representatives. Ed.

## THE ARMED CITIZEN

Harry Carpenter suffers from pulmonary fibrosis and wears oxygen tubes for much of the day, but that didn't stop him from fending off two knife-wielding burglars. Police say two young men barged into his home, one forcing him at knifepoint to sit on a couch while the other demanded money from his wife, Jackie. When Jackie pretended to faint, Harry's captor went to investigate. Harry sneaked into the laundry room where he kept an unloaded .22cal. rifle he's owned since his youth. "I shot many a squirrel with that thing," he said later. The intruder returned before Harry could load his firearm, but Harry racked the bolt home as if it were loaded. "He yelled out, 'Let's go, he's got a gun!'" Harry recalled. The suspects fled the scene and, at press time, were being sought by police. (*Savannah Morning News*, Savannah, GA, (11/19/05))

### **Del. Bob Tata Survey**

*Included as an attachment to this newsletter is a survey Mr. Tata took a while back. It is commendable that he samples the opinions of his constituents and uses that as a guide for his action in the General Assembly. Everyone should get involved in the political process. Ed.*

## Feminists Rights

"Feminists are less concerned with women's rights than they are with their own right to have an abortion. George Bush has done more for women's rights than any president in modern history. But feminists hate him because he is opposed to abortion rights. Bill Clinton sexually harassed more women than any president in American history. But that's okay. He supports abortion rights so feminists love him. If he were ever convicted of rape, feminists would still love him because he supports abortion rights." —Mike Adams in the Patriot.

