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THE AMERICAN WAR ON CHRISTIANS

Never mind the terrible war on Christians around the world and the 10-40 Window for which we all prayed for fellow Christians. We have a very real war here in America, here in Virginia and right here in Virginia Beach. I daily make contact with people that try to eliminate Christ from Christmas. I challenge them, tell them I am offended that they take Christ out of Christmas. That is of course the cry from the people that would take Christ out, I just use it right back on them. This country is 85% Christian by all counts, so why don't we stand up for our faith? We are the majority! We are a bunch of wimps. The people with the strongest faith in their religion always win. Folks---we must exhibit much more faith in our religion or we will lose it. Begin today to pray for a stronger faith and courage to match. Editor.

A Christmas Witch in Wisconsin Public School

Wisconsin Elementary School Changes "Silent Night" to "Cold in the Night" While Decorating For A Christmas Witch!

In Dodgeville, Wisconsin, Ridgeway Elementary School's "winter program" has changed the name of "Silent Night" to "Cold in the Night." Sung to the tune of "Silent Night," the lyrics include: "Cold in the night, no one in sight, winter winds whirl and bite, how I wish I were happy and warm, safe with my family out of the storm."

The "winter program" included decorating classrooms with Santa Claus, Kwanza symbols, Menorahs, and Labafana--a Christmas witch!

Also in Wisconsin, the Glendale-River Hills School District has banned every Christmas song which has any Christian "motive or theme." But while banning Christian Christmas songs, the district permits secular holiday songs as well as songs celebrating Hanukkah. In defending

this policy, Frances Smith, the district administrator, says that the Hanukkah songs are more cultural than spiritual.

What these schools are doing to our children is not educating, but indoctrinating! And they are using Christmas as an excuse. Following the lead of the National Educational Association, Wisconsin educational leaders preach tolerance and diversity while being highly intolerant! Most of the residents of Wisconsin are tolerant, but not their educational leaders.

Banning nativity scenes. Banning Christmas songs in school. Banning Christmas in advertising. Calling a Christmas tree a "holiday" tree. Calling a Christmas parade a holiday parade. Refusing to mention the Reason for the season. It is time to take a stand for our children, our families, our faith and our freedom!

Educational leaders in your state could be the next officials to join this anti-Christian bigotry parade.

Donald E. Wildmon, Founder and Chairman, American Family Association **Comment:** We are in a battle for our faith. We must all stand up and be counted. Challenge anyone you meet on a daily basis that says things like "Happy Holidays" to let them know you take offense at the change. I DO! If you send Christmas cards, send religious Christian cards with Jesus in them. Ed.

Republicanism in decline

by Ton Snow, Dec 3, 2005
WASHINGTON, D.C. -- When Democrats giber about Republicans' writhing in a culture of corruption, they're on to something -- but not what they think. The Republican Party in Washington is in trouble not because it's overrun by crooks, but because it's packed with cowards -- and has degenerated into a caricature of the party that swept to power 11 years ago promising to take on the federal bureaucracy and liberate the creative genius of American society.

The collapse stems from the simplest

and most natural of causes, the survival instinct. Within months of seizing power in 1995, Republicans began backing away from Big Ideas, from tort reform to the necessary overhaul of the Social Security system. They started consulting pollsters to assay "correct" issues and positions. They played it safe -- or so they thought. Over time, imagination-grabbing ideas melted away. Gone was the Reaganite breadth of vision, and in its place stood the musty idol of Incumbency. Republicans drew the wrong morals from the decline and fall of Newt Gingrich. They thought his boldness got him in trouble, and chose to crib plays from the Bill Clinton playbook -- tacking left, at least oratorically, so as to appease, rather than confront, their critics.

Hence, George W. Bush's "compassionate conservatism" -- a slogan that exceeded skeptics' worst expectations. That phrase, aimed at reassuring suburban white moms and queasy left-wing Republicans, became a white flag on the core issue of government size and might. Bush insiders even began boasting about "big government" conservatism -- oblivious to the fact that big government does not conserve or preserve; it crushes and digests, devouring institutions that challenge its supremacy.

Leaders in the Party of Lincoln stopped talking about people, and started talking about programs and expenditures. They justified head-snapping shifts in policy by claiming the need to take issues "off the table." The multi-trillion dollar Medicare "reform" is a case in point. It was designed less to save a system than to deny Democrats a talking point. Yet, the only things Republicans really took off the table were their moral authority and the loyalty of their partisans.

Comment: I am more and more convinced that there is little difference in the two major political parties. I could never vote for a candidate that is Pro-Choice, but beyond that what's the dif??? Both parties exceed each other every term on spending, ignoring illegal aliens, over

taxing us, taking away our principle liberties---so what's the difference?. Ed.

Congressional Chicanery About H-1B Visas

by Phyllis Schlafly, Dec. 7, 2005
"Why is it taking you five years to get through college?" I asked a student attending one of my campus lectures. "Because I changed my major from computer science to accounting after I discovered there are almost no jobs available for computer majors."

Of course there are plenty computer jobs, but not for Americans because big business would rather hire foreigners. It's all a matter of money; corporations use their financial clout to get Congress to import foreigners who will work for half the salary Americans used to be paid for computer work.

It's called the H-1B racket, and it's very profitable for the big corporations. This system is not the free market; it's politicians and corporations conniving to do an end run around our immigration laws in order to keep wages artificially low.

The latest piece of chicanery is buried in the 817-page Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005 (S.1932) now going through Congress. Without any hearings, Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) got the Judiciary Committee to insert language that will raise the annual cap on H-1B visas from the current 65,000 to 95,000, reissue unused immigrant work visas or green cards up to a maximum of 90,000, and exempt the H-1Bers' family members from the cap on employment-based immigration.

This is estimated to increase permanent immigration into the United States by more than 350,000 aliens a year. Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) tried to protect American jobs by deleting Specter's amendment, but the Senate rejected Byrd's motion on November 3.

This latest attack on U.S. workers comes on the heels of another back-room deal last fall. Congress exempted from the annual H-1B visa cap 20,000 foreign students who get master's or Ph.D. degrees from U.S. universities. Then, because of what was claimed to be a mistake, the Homeland Security Department approved 10,000 more visa

applications for high-tech and specialty workers than Congress authorized. Nobody was fired over the mistake, and only Sen Charles Grassley (R-IA) lamented, "It discourages me to hear that Congress' limit may have been ignored." The rationale for inviting H-1B foreigners to take American jobs is an alleged labor shortage, but we never had any shortage in computer technicians, and employers are not required to look for Americans anyway. The labor-shortage claim is ridiculous today since there are more than 100,000 unemployed high-tech American workers, and some estimate the figure at 200,000.

In addition, there are several hundred thousand who are underemployed or working lesser jobs outside of their field. After the dot-com bust a few years ago, tens of thousands of computer workers and engineers left Silicon Valley and took any job they could get, of course at a fraction the pay they had been receiving.

At the same time, at least 463,000 H-1B workers are employed in the United States, and some estimate twice that number. H-1Bers who are hired by universities and other "exempt" institutions are not in the count. During the third quarter of last year, high tech companies in the U.S. laid off workers in record numbers, but they didn't lay off H-1B workers.

Comment: It seems we have a conspiracy between congress and big corporations to destroy the middle class in this country. We could help by demanding that congress repeal NAFTA, CAFTA and don't even think about FTAA. Within weeks of passing CAFTA we have both GM and FORD closing plants and moving thousands of jobs south. That giant sucking sound again. Ed.

THE ARMED CITIZEN

Gayle Martin was sound asleep when the doorbell rang at 5 a.m., but he didn't open the door because he didn't recognize either of the two men standing on his porch. He continued watching the men through his front window as they went around his house and began battering his back door. Within moments two thugs came crashing through the door into the kitchen and living room area. That's when Martin drew his .357 Mag. and fired three

shots, causing the men to run away. "They were in the house;" Martin said. "They had just broken in. I didn't let them get any farther:' Authorities found the home invaders nearby, both suffering from gunshot wounds. Grant County Sheriff Randy Middleton called Martin lucky to be alive, adding, "He's a good shot:" (*Cincinnati Enquirer*, Cincinnati, OH, 07/10/05)

Comment: We must protect ourselves because the law cannot be every where. So protect the Second Amendment rights we enjoy by letting your elected reps. know your desires. Without the Second Amendment we could lose all the other amendments. Ed.

To be responsible, one needs to stop defining success in Iraq as the absence of terrorist attacks... [There is a] jarring contrast between what the American people are reading and hearing about Iraq and the views of the Iraqi people." — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty." —John F. Kennedy

"We pray for the military families who mourn the loss of loved ones. We hold them in our hearts—and we honor the memory of every fallen soldier, sailor, airman, Coast Guardsman, and Marine..." —President George W. Bush

"GET U.S. OUT OF THE UNITED NATIONS."
No better time than the present, and then get the UN out of NYC.

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