

FAMILY BULLETIN ALERT

Faith, Freedom & Citizenship Class

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"Two decades of research produced a consensus among social scientists of both left and right that family structure has a serious impact on children, even when controlling for income, race, and other variables. In other words, we are not talking about a problem of race but about a problem of family formation or, rather, the lack of it. The best outcomes for children—whether in academic performance, avoidance of crime and drugs, or financial and economic success—are almost invariably produced by married biological parents. The worst results are by never-married women...

The upshot of these studies is that America is confronted by a form of poverty that money alone can't cure.

Many of us think social breakdown is a result of racism and poverty. Yes, they are factors, but study after study shows that alterations in norms and values are at the heart of economic and behavioral troubles. That's why so much research boils down to the old rule: If you want to avoid poverty, finish high school, don't have kids in your teens, and get married." —John Leo in the Federalist Patriot

Comment: To nobody's surprise at KPC. This is so basic, yet the PC correct and elite do not, or do not want to get it. One of the basic communist tenants to break down the social structure of a country they wished to conquer was to divide the family. Another is to teach sex-ed. One more is to divide social groups and pit them against each other. Sound familiar? And we still don't get it. Ed.

DISASTER FUNDS

"Given the abysmal failure of state and local officials in Louisiana to plan adequately for or respond to the effects of Hurricane Katrina on the city of New Orleans, and given the long history of public corruption in Louisiana, I hope the House will refrain from directly appropriating any funds from the public

treasury to either the state of Louisiana or the city of New Orleans. The head of the FBI in New Orleans just this past year described the state's public corruption as 'epidemic, endemic and entrenched.' Over the last 30 years, a long list of Louisiana politicians have been convicted of crimes; the list includes a governor, an attorney general, an elections commissioner, an agriculture commissioner, three successive insurance commissioners, a congressman, a federal judge, a State Senate president, six other state legislators, and a host of appointed officials, local sheriffs, city councilmen and parish police jurors. I am not confident that Louisiana officials can be trusted to administer federal relief aid." — Rep. Tom Tancredo

The World Wide Web (of Bureaucrats?)

- Wall Street Journal

The Internet's long run as a global cyberzone of freedom--where governments take a "hands off" approach--is in jeopardy. Preparing for next month's U.N.-sponsored World Summit on the Information Society (or WSIS) in Tunisia, the European Union and others are moving aggressively to set the stage for an as-yet unspecified U.N. body to assert control over Internet operations and policies now largely under the purview of the U.S. In recent meetings, for an example, an EU spokesman asserted that no single country should have final authority over this "global resource."

Comment: As in all things the UN is pushing for total control. We should get out of the UN as soon as possible (ASAP). And then get the UN out of NYC. Ed.

College Guide Reveals 'Whole Truth' About Nation's Top Schools

By Jim Brown of AGAPE PRESS, October 13, 2005

(AgapePress) - A new college guide assesses which of America's top schools impose politically correct views on their students or have genuine academic freedom on campus.

The Intercollegiate Studies Institute has released its 2006 edition of *Choosing the Right College*. Touted by syndicated columnist Thomas Sowell as "by far the best college guide in America," it includes reports on campus politics and intellectual diversity, and offers advice on which departments, professors, and courses to seek out and those to avoid. And *World* magazine says "if prospective students and their families want a critical look at what is taught at America's most powerful and celebrated schools, *Choosing the Right College* may be their only guide."

Editor John Zmirak says the guide is radically different than others because it is underlined by "a comprehensive moral and educational vision of what a college education should be."

"We have as our ideal the traditional Western model of liberal education," Zmirak explains. "That means education in how to be a free man or woman in the Western tradition as informed both by the Christian tradition, the Old Testament, and the Western classical heritage."

"Any education which undermines or just simply denies knowledge of the Bible or knowledge of Western history, of classical Greece, or of American history is in effect undermining the educational preparation of students and under-preparing them to be free citizens of the United States," Zmirak adds, "thereby really damaging our

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country and the students."

In addition, the guide alerts prospective students to colleges and universities where academic radicalism has become dominant on campus -- and warns away from departments that are highly politicized or intellectually bankrupt.

Divorce's Impact, Lifelong Effects on Children

By Mary Rettig OF Agape Press, October 12, 2005
(AgapePress) - Best-selling author Elizabeth Marquardt notes that two thirds of today's divorces are ending what could be called low-conflict marriages. Nevertheless, despite the common belief of many contemporary couples and self-styled experts, she insists there is no such thing as a "good divorce."

Adults may claim that ending a marriage amicably is better for children than the parents' constant bickering would be, but Marquardt says research has shown that is not the case. "Children of so-called good divorces, on many indicators, fare worse than children from unhappy marriages, as long as those marriages are low conflict; and they fare far worse than children from happy marriages," she notes.

"Some experts have said a good divorce, a good marriage, it matters not," Marquardt adds. However, she asserts, "It's completely untrue. For children there's no such thing as a good divorce." And even though divorcing parents may try to minimize the fallout their young children experience, she says there are always residual effects on the kids' lives.

"I've found that when children of divorce grow up they are, over all, less religious than kids who grow up with married parents," the author points out, "though some become more religious as a result of their parents' divorce." However, she says the survey shows that many young people become less religious after their parents divorce, and children of divorced parents are over all "much less likely when they grow up to attend church regularly and to be involved in that church and to be a leader in that church."

Marquardt, a scholar with the Institute for American Values, is the author of the recently published book *Between Two Worlds: the Inner Lives of Children of Divorce* (Crown, 2005). In it

she examines the anecdotal and statistical support for her contention that divorce harms youngsters for the rest of their lives.

In this thoughtful look at how divorce affects kids, Marquardt also compiles studies about a segment of today's youngest adult generation -- a group she describes as being plagued by their parents' divorces

Comment: I believe this to be true from personal experience. We must strengthen marriage not continue to weaken it. We should get rid of so called "No Fault Divorce Laws" in some 32 states. We should make it harder to divorce, live up to the commitment taken. Ed.

American Citizenship Is Precious

by Phyllis Schlafly, Oct. 12, 2005
Rep. John Hostettler (R-IN) presided at a House hearing last week on Birthright Citizenship, Dual Citizenship and the Meaning of Sovereignty. It's unfortunate that this important subject received little media coverage.

The statistics are shocking. At least 383,000 babies are born in the United States every year to illegal aliens; that's 10 percent of all U.S. births and about 40 percent of indigent births.

The cost to the U.S. taxpayers is tremendous because all those babies, called anchor babies, claim birthright citizenship. Their mothers and other relatives then sign up for a vast stream of taxpayer benefits.

At least 12 million persons now live in the United States illegally. In addition, smugglers operate a thriving business of bringing in pregnant women from all over the world just in time to give birth and claim citizenship and citizens' benefits.

Why does the United States allow this racket to continue? Congress has failed to do its duty to protect American citizenship, sovereignty, and taxpayers. The Citizenship Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment states that U.S. citizens are "all persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof." Federal law uses almost identical language.

"Subject to the jurisdiction thereof" is an essential part of the definition. History emphatically confirms the importance and necessity of those five words.

The peculiar notion that foreigners residing illegally in the United States

should enjoy the same rights as American citizens is found nowhere in the U.S. Constitution or federal law. This anomaly was created by supremacist judges who encouraged and protected the large-scale entry of illegal aliens into the United States.

There is no ambiguity about the solemn oath that all naturalized Americans must take. "I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; . . . and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God."

THE ARMED CITIZEN

Christine Peacock was pulling through a fast-food drive through when a man ordered her to stop and hand over her belongings. Because she was in her boyfriend's car, the normally unarmed Peacock had a gun handy. When she drew it, the mere sight of the firearm caused the would-be robber to flee the scene. It was a scary incident that completely changed Peacock's opinion of concealed carry. "I didn't believe that everybody should carry a gun at all times; I thought it was too overprotective," she said. "[Now] I plan on enrolling in a concealed weapons permit class, and purchasing my own gun [to have] with me at all times." (*Florida Today*, Melbourne, FL, 06/r9/05)

Constitutional Follies

When it comes to fiscal restraint and many policy issues, Republican leaders in the White House and Congress have shown disregard, if not outright contempt for the Constitutional limitations placed upon the central government. Congressional Republicans have advanced the fastest growth in non-defense spending and regulatory expansion in generations, and President Bush has not vetoed a single bill during his five years in office... {more} *From the Federalist.*