

Georgia insight

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*"She hath done what she could."
Mark 14:8a*

Public Schools Teach Islam and Ban Christianity

"I just don't understand the ban on Christianity, but Islam has free rein. I'm sure people would be outraged if [the students] dressed up as the pope," said the mother of a 13-year-old student who was taught Islam in an Oregon school.

Polls report that at least 80-percent of Americans claim to be Christians, although you'd never know it with so many people afraid to say, "Merry Christmas." So, I was thrilled in December when a local TV station, *bravely*, displayed "Merry Christmas" greetings in newscasts two or three days during Christmas. Since everyone used to say "Merry Christmas" without hesitation and my beliefs haven't changed, yours, probably, haven't either. But something has happened to skew religious expression and that "something" is multiculturalism.

In the U.S., basic arithmetic can explain the effect of multiculturalism. Its *political goal* is to weaken the power and influence of this country through *division*. Since culture cannot be changed instantaneously, advocates of multiculturalism have a long-time strategy to divide and damage our national unity. *Cultural division* is being accomplished through resident foreigners that refuse to adapt to America's laws and political structure.

The *religious goal* of multiculturalism in the U.S. is to minimize the influence of Christianity. Christian concepts are being *subtracted* as offensive, while other religions are promoted and exponentially *multiplied*, including Islam with its 1.3 billion Muslims worldwide. So a movement akin to affirmative action has combined with political correctness in the current attempt to depose Christianity as the religion of choice for most Americans.

Their efforts include unconstitutional strategies. Without prior parental knowledge, Islam is taught in at least one school district in Oregon and another in California. Parents were outraged when their children explained that they learn Muslim customs, pray Muslim prayers and get extra credit for wearing traditional Muslim garb. So, they do ... in all three social study classes.

The mother of a 13-year-old Oregon boy said, "I just don't understand the ban on Christianity, but Islam has free rein. I'm sure people would be outraged if [the students] dressed up as the pope," and Thomas More Law Center's Edward White III agreed with her. After arguing the California case before the U.S. Supreme Court, he said, "...[Schools should] teach all religions in the same way, Christianity, Judaism. Have the kids study Native American religions ... dress up as priests and hear confession." But, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, simply, looked panic-stricken and said the Islamic teaching is cultural education.

I don't understand why educators, judges and officials want to replace Christianity, a religion of peace and love, with a religion that declared "jihad" (holy war) against "infidels" (all who're not Muslim). Since Islamic foot-washing facilities were installed in some American public schools, could we set up a baptismal pool in those same schools, so Christians can promote *their* belief? If not, get rid of the foot washing ritual because that discriminates against me!

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Contrasting the 2004, 2000, 1996 and 1992 Party Platforms Democrats

ISSUES	YEAR
TAXES	“We will roll back the Bush tax cuts for those making more than \$200,000.... We must restore our values to our tax code. We want a tax code that rewards work and creates wealth for more people, not a tax code that hoards wealth for those who already have it...we simply cannot afford the massive Bush tax cuts for the very wealthiest. We should set taxes for families making more than \$200,000 a year at the same level as in the late 1990s....” 2004
	“...seek...tax cuts that are specifically targeted....” 2000
	“Today’s Democratic Party is committed to targeted tax cuts....” 1996
RIGHT TO LIFE	“...we proudly stand for a woman’s right to choose, <i>consistent with Roe v. Wade</i> , and regardless of her ability to pay.” 2004
	“...stands behind the right of every woman to choose, consistent with <i>Roe v. Wade</i> , and regardless of ability to pay.” 2000
	“...stands behind the right of every woman to choose, consistent with <i>Roe v. Wade</i> , and regardless of ability to pay.” 1996
	“...stands behind the right of every woman to choose, consistent with <i>Roe v. Wade</i> , and regardless of ability to pay.” 1992
FAMILY VALUES/ HETEROSEXUALITY	“We support full inclusion of gay and lesbian families in the life of our nation and seek equal responsibilities, benefits, and protections for these families.” 2004
	“We support the full inclusion of gay and lesbian families in the life of the nation.” 2000
	“We support continued efforts...to end discrimination against gay men and lesbians and further their full inclusion in the life of the nation.” 1996
RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS	“...provide civil rights protection for gay men and lesbians...ensure that no Americans suffer discrimination or deprivation of rights on the basis of sexual orientation....” 1992
	“...need to keep guns away from those who shouldn’t have them. ... We need mandatory child safety locks....” 2000
	“It is time to shut down the weapons bazaars in our cities....” 1992
ENGLISH AS COMMON LANGUAGE	“We oppose language-based discrimination in all its forms, including in the provision of education services, and encourage so-called English-plus initiatives.....” 2000
	“...we strongly oppose divisive efforts like English-only legislation....” 1996

Contrasting the 2004, 2000, 1996 and 1992 Party Platforms Republicans

ISSUES	YEAR
TAXES	<p>“We believe that good government is based on a system of limited taxes and spending. Furthermore, we believe that the federal government should be limited and restricted to the functions mandated by the United States Constitution. The taxation system should not be used to redistribute wealth or fund ever-increasing entitlements and social programs... . Our party endorses the President’s proposals to make tax relief permanent....” 2004</p> <p>“...it’s time to change the tax system, to make it simpler, flatter, and fairer for everyone.” 2000</p> <p>“American families...should be allowed to keep more of their hard earned money, we support an across-the-board, 15-percent tax cut....” 1996</p>
RIGHT TO LIFE	<p>“...the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed.... We praise Republicans in congress for passing...a ban on the inhumane procedure known as partial birth abortion. And we applaud President Bush for signing legislation outlawing partial birth abortion and for vigorously defending it in the courts.” 2004</p> <p>“...the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed.” 2000</p> <p>“The unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed...” 1996</p> <p>“We believe the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed.” 1992</p>
FAMILY VALUES/ HETEROSEXUALITY	<p>“We further believe that legal recognition and the accompanying benefits afforded couples should be preserved for that unique and special union of one man and one woman which has historically been called marriage.” 2004</p> <p>“We support the traditional definition of ‘marriage’ as the legal union of one man and one woman, and we believe that federal judges and bureaucrats should not force states to recognize other living arrangements as marriages.” 2000</p> <p>“...we believe the family is the core institution of our society.... We reject the distortion of those laws to cover sexual preference, and we endorse the Defense of Marriage Act to prevent states from being forced to recognize same-sex unions.” 1996</p> <p>“We believe in traditional family values.... Today, more than ever, the traditional family is under assault.... We affirm our support for judges who respect traditional family values....” 1992</p>
RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS	<p>“We defend the constitutional right to keep and bear arms, and we affirm the individual responsibility to safely use and store firearms.” 2000</p> <p>“Republicans defend the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.” 1992</p>
ENGLISH AS COMMON LANGUAGE	<p>“...English empowers. That is why fluency in English must be the goal of bilingual education programs. We support the recognition of English as the nation’s common language.” 2000</p> <p>“We support the official recognition of English as the nation’s common language.” 1996</p>

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