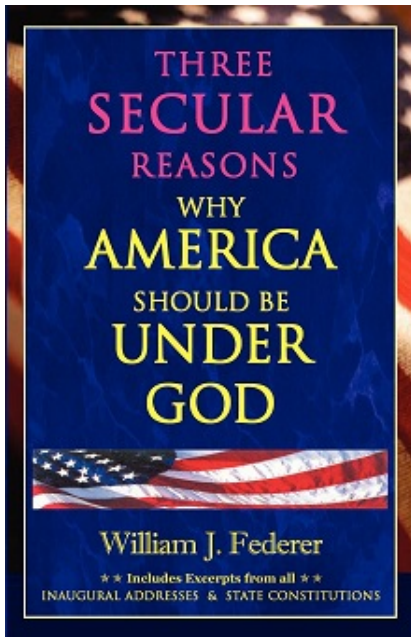


American Minute with Bill Federer War on Prayer by Atheists, Socialists, & Communists: "Eliminate prayer in the schools ... Control schools ... as transmission belts for socialism and communist propaganda"

The war on prayer by progressive lawyers and judges has limited "mandatory" school-sponsored prayer, but students still have the right to "voluntarily" pray! ... [continue reading American Minute here ...](#)

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Brad Dacus, President of [Pacific Justice Institute](#), stated

“In every case defending **students’ rights to pray**, the students have prevailed, even teachers have the **right to**

pray in school."

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Since 1990, "**See You at the Pole**" is an annual **student-led** gathering around a **school's flag pole** for **voluntary prayer**.

In 2006, school officials at **South Floyd High School** in Floyd County, Kentucky tried to hinder students but backed down. The **Rutherford Institute** successfully defended the rights of the students, as **John Whitehead** stated:

"It's important that **students, teachers** and others know about their **right to participate** in **See You at the Pole events** — a **right** affirmed by the **U.S. Supreme Court** ... The rallies are part of a long tradition of **free and equal participation in expressive activities guaranteed by our Constitution.**"

A generation ago, **President Bill Clinton** stated at James Madison High School, July 12, 1995:

"The **First Amendment** does not require students to leave their **religion** at the schoolhouse door ...

If students can wear T-shirts advertising sports teams, rock groups or politicians, **they can also wear T-shirts that promote religion** ...

Religion is too important to our history and our heritage for us to keep it out of our schools ..."

Clinton concluded:

"Nothing in the **First Amendment** converts our public schools into **religion-free zones** or requires all **religious expression** to be left behind at the schoolhouse door ...

Government's schools also may not discriminate against

private religious expression during the school day."

Many are unaware of when and where the effort began to **remove prayer from schools?**

In 1959, a few atheists filed a lawsuit to stop New York's mandatory school **prayer**, which took place every morning after the Pledge of Allegiance.

Students prayed:

"Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country. Amen."

The **A.C.L.U.** represented the atheists in the case, *Engel v. Vitale*, which went up to the Supreme Court.

The **A.C.L.U.** was started by **Roger Baldwin**, who wrote in 1935:

"I am for **socialism**, disarmament, and ultimately, for abolishing the state itself ...

Communism is the goal."

Roger Baldwin wrote:

"I joined. I don't regret being a part of the **Communist** tactic, which increased the effectiveness of a good cause.

I knew what I was doing. I was not an innocent liberal. I **wanted what the Communists wanted."**

Baldwin was referring to **socialism** being the **transition phase** from **capitalism** to **communism**.

Karl Marx wrote in *The Critique of the Gotha Programme, Part IV*:

"Between **capitalist** and **communist** society there lies

the **period** of the **revolutionary transformation.**"

Lenin wrote in Report on the Activities of the Council of People's Commissars, January 24, 1918:

"The whole history of **socialism** ... is ... **revolutionary striving.**"

Lenin stated:

"The goal of **socialism** is **communism.**"

Friedrich Engels wrote in *The Principles of Communism*:

"Democratic **socialists** ... favor some of the **same measures** the **communists** advocate."

Ayn Rand wrote:

"There is **no difference** between **communism** and **socialism**, except in the means of achieving **the same ultimate end**:
communism proposes to enslave men by **force**;
socialism – by **vote**.

It is merely the **difference between murder and suicide.**"

Harry S Truman stated in his Inaugural Address, January 20, 1949:

"**Communism** is based on the belief that **man is so weak and inadequate** that he is **unable to govern himself**, and therefore requires the **rule of strong masters** ...

Communism subjects the individual to **arrest** without lawful cause, **punishment** without trial, and **forced labor** as a **chattel** of the state.

It decrees **what information he shall receive**, what art he shall produce, what leaders he shall follow, and **what thoughts he shall think.**"

Reagan told the Annual Convention of the National Religious Broadcasters, January 30, 1984:

"I was pleased last year to **proclaim 1983 the Year of the Bible.**

But, you know, a group called **the A.C.L.U. severely criticized me for doing that.**

Well, I wear their indictment like a badge of honor."

In 1962, the **A.C.L.U.'s** New York affiliate won the *Engel v. Vitale* case in the Supreme Court.

Justice Hugo Black sided with the **atheists** and ended the three century old tradition of state-sponsored **prayer in public schools.**

Hugo Black, interestingly enough, had **never been a judge before, except for one year as a police court judge.**

He was appointed to the Supreme Court by **President Franklin Roosevelt.** He had been a Democrat Senator from Alabama

Hugo Black had joined the K.K.K. in the early 1920s, and in 1926 had been granted a "grand passport" life membership.

Justice Hugo Black also supported **Democrat President Franklin Roosevelt's internment of Japanese** during World War II in his *Korematsu v. United States* decision.

Around the time of **Hugo Black's *Engel v. Vitale***

decision, **Madalyn Murray O'Hair**, an **atheist** proponent of **socialism-communism**, sailed to Europe in 1960.

She went to a Soviet embassy and attempted to defect to the **U.S.S.R.** (Union of Soviet **Socialist** Republics), but was refused entry, as reported by son, **William J. Murray**.

Returning to Maryland, **Madalyn Murray O'Hair** put her son, William J. Murray, in the **Baltimore City Public School System**.

She was so perturbed when she saw students reading the Bible that she brought a suit, *Murray v. Curlett*, to have "mandatory" Bible reading taken out of public schools, using her 14 year old son, William J. Murray, as the plaintiff.

The case went to the **Supreme Court** where it was combined with the case of *Abington Township v. Schempp*.

As a result, the **Supreme Court**, with **Hugo Black** concurring, **stopped "mandatory" Bible reading** in America's public schools.

Eventually, **the curriculum changed to promote other ideologies**, including LGBTQ, transgenderism, atheism, white shaming, equity, abortion, sharia Islam, and socialism, using "hate America" textbooks such as **Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States***.

An interesting note is that **Madalyn Murray O'Hair** preferred hiring felons to work for her to project a tough image.

In 1995, three of the felons she employed murdered her, mutilated her body, and buried it in Texas.

Her son, **William J. Murray**, years earlier, had disassociated himself from his mother.

He became a **Christian, a minister**, formed the Religious Freedom Coalition to support persecuted Christians worldwide, and authored numerous books, including the account of his atheist upbringing, ***My Life Without God*** (2012).

In 1963, **Democrat Congressman Albert S. Herlong, Jr.**, warned of the **socialist-communist agenda infiltrating schools**.

On January 10, 1963, he read into the Congressional Record the **list of Communist goals for America** (Vol 109, 88th Congress, 1st Session, Appendix, pp. A34-A35), which included:

"Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of **'separation of church and state'** ...

... **Control schools**. Use them as transmission belts for **socialism** and current **communist propaganda** ...

... Soften curriculum. Get control of **teachers' associations**. Put party line in textbooks ... Control student newspapers ..."

Herlong continued the list of Communist goals for America:

"Infiltrate churches and replace revealed religion with **'social' religion** (ie. 'social justice,' 'liberation theology')

...

... **Discredit the Bible** and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a 'religious crutch' ...

... **Discredit American culture** ...

... **Discredit the family** as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and divorce ...

... Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as 'normal, natural, healthy.'

W.E.B. Du Bois was a founder of the **NAACP**. He criticized public prayers and praised Marx's atheism, writing in his autobiography:

"When I became head of a department at Atlanta, the engagement was held up because again **I balked at leading in prayer** ... I flatly refused again to join any church or sign any church creed ... I think the **greatest gift of the Soviet Union to modern civilization** was the **dethronement of the clergy** and the **refusal** to let **religion** be taught in the **public schools**."

Du Bois joined the **Communist Party** in 1961, writing in his application:

"Today I have reached my conclusion ... The path of the **American Communist Party** is clear ... It will call for: public ownership of natural resources and of all capital ... public control of transportation and communications ... limitation of personal income ... social medicine ... Free education for all ... **No dogmatic religion**."

Members of the **Communist Party USA**, in 1950, helped form the **Mattachine Society**, the nation's first homosexual rights organizations. which lobbied to repeal sodomy laws.

It is necessary to **tear down the old system of morals** in order to **bring in a new totalitarian system**.

Truman addressed the Attorney General's Conference, February 1950:

"If we don't have a proper fundamental **moral** background, we will finally end up with a **totalitarian government** which **does not believe in rights for anybody except for the State.**"

John Adams remarked to Jefferson in 1818:

"Have you ever found in history one single example of a nation thoroughly corrupted that was afterwards restored to virtue? ... Will you tell me how to prevent **luxury** from producing **effeminacy** ... Without virtue, there can be no political liberty."

John Hancock warned on the fourth anniversary of the Boston Massacre, 1774:

"Suffer not yourselves to be betrayed, by the soft arts of **luxury** and **effeminacy**, into the pit dugged for your destruction."

Why is important in **socialist** and **communist countries** to eliminate the **Creator**?

President Eisenhower stated February 20, 1955:

"The Founding Fathers ... recognizing **God** as the **author of individual rights**, declared that the purpose of Government is to secure those rights ...

In many lands **the State claims to be the author of human rights** ...

If the State gives rights, it can - and inevitably will - **take away those rights.**"

If there is no God, the state decides **who is more equal** and who is **less equal**.

It is a **two-tiered justice system**.

George Orwell described the socialist state in his 1945 novel ***Animal Farm***:

"All animals are equal, but some animals are **more equal** than others."

In socialism, a dictatorship is inevitable, as selfishness is ingrained in fallen human nature.

St. Augustine called it: "libido dominandi" - the lust to dominate.

A systemic change can only be brought about by a change in the human heart, which is what the Gospel of Jesus Christ does, changing a person's nature to love "the least of these" and "love your enemies."

Despite socialist promises of a "classless" society, **Orwell** explained in ***Animal Farm*** how **socialism always ends up being run by selfish bullies** who set themselves up as **the elite ruling-class, the new royalty**.

"We **pigs** are brainworkers. The whole management and organization of this farm depend on us. Day and night we are watching over your welfare.

It is for YOUR sake that we **drink that milk** and **eat those apples**. Do you know what would happen if we **pigs** failed in our duty? ...

... The importance of keeping the **pigs** in good health was all too obvious.

So it was agreed without further argument that the **milk** and the windfall **apples** (and also **the main crop of apples** when they ripened) should be **reserved for the pigs alone**."

Socialist hierarchy is contrary to the Bible, which states in Acts 10:34, "**God is no respecter of persons.**" (Leviticus 19:15; Deuteronomy 1:17)

Truman referred to this in his Inaugural Address, 1949:

"We believe that **all men are created equal** because they are created in the **image of God.**"

Regarding America's school children, **Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev** reportedly told Ezra Taft Benson, Eisenhower's Secretary of Agriculture, in 1959:

"Your **children's children** will live under **communism.**

You **Americans are so gullible.** No, you won't accept **communism** outright, but we'll keep feeding you small doses of **socialism** until you will finally wake up and find that you already have **communism.**

We won't have to fight you; We'll so weaken your economy, until you fall like overripe fruit into our hands."

Zhou Enlai, who orchestrated the persecutions committed by Mao Zedong's Communist Party, killing an estimated 20 million, stated:

"One of the delightful things about **Americans** is that they **have absolutely no historical memory.**"

The Greek philosopher **Plato** wrote in *Republic* (380BC):

"Kings ... will ... **take possession of the children**, who will be unaffected by the habits of their parents;

these they will train in their own habits and laws."

Adolph Hitler stated November 6, 1933:

"When an opponent declares, 'I will not come over to

your side,'

I calmly say, **'Your child belongs to us already ...**

What are you?

You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now stand in the new camp.

In a short time **they will know nothing** else but this new community."

Adolph Hitler added May 1, 1937:

"We have set before ourselves the task of **inoculating our youth** ... at a very early age ...

This new Reich will give its **youth** to no one, but will itself take **youth** and give to **youth** its own **education** and its own upbringing."

In 1918, **Communist Party Education Workers Congress** declared:

"We must create out of the **younger generation** a generation of **communists**.

We must turn **children**, who can be shaped like wax, into real, good **communists** ...

We must remove the **children** from the crude influence of their families. We must take them over and, to speak frankly, nationalize them.

From the first days of their lives they will be under the healthy influence of **communist children's nurseries** and schools. There they will grow up to be real **communists**."

Vladimir Ilyich Lenin stated:

"Give me four years to teach the **children** and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted."

Karl Marx stated:

"The **education of all children**, from the moment that they can get along without a mother's care, shall be in state institutions at state expense."

Josef Stalin stated:

"**Education is a weapon**, whose effect depends on who holds it in his hands and at whom it is aimed."

Leon Trotsky stated:

"If our generation happens to be too weak to establish **socialism** over the earth, we will hand the spotless banner down to **our children** ...

It is the struggle for the future of all mankind."

On AUGUST 11, 1984, by an 88-11 Senate vote and a 337-77 House vote, **Congress passed the Equal Access Act**, stating:

"It shall be unlawful for any public secondary school which receives Federal financial assistance and which has a limited **open forum**,

to deny **equal access** or a fair opportunity to, or discriminate against, any students who wish to conduct a meeting within that limited open forum **on the basis of the religious, political, philosophical, or other content of the speech at such meeting.**"

Regarding this, **President Reagan** commented August 23, 1984 at Reunion Arena, Dallas, Texas:

"We even had to pass a special law in the Congress just a few weeks ago to allow **student prayer groups** the same access to school rooms after classes that a **Young Marxist Society** ... would already enjoy."

The **Supreme Court** upheld the **Equal Access Act** by a vote of 8-1 in *Westside Community Schools v. Mergens*, June 4, 1990:

"If a State refused to let **religious groups** use facilities open to others, then it would demonstrate not neutrality but hostility toward religion.

The Establishment Clause **does not license government to treat religion** and those who teach or practice it ... **as subversive of American ideals.**"

Ronald Reagan stated in a radio address, February 25, 1984:

"Former Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart noted (in his dissent of *Abington Township*, 1963)

'if religious exercises are held to be impermissible activity in **schools, religion is placed at an artificial and state-created disadvantage.**

Permission for such exercises for those who want them is necessary if the **schools** are truly to be neutral in the matter of religion.

And a refusal to permit them is seen not as the realization of state neutrality, but rather as the establishment of a **religion of secularism.**"

Justice Potter Stewart added:

"The state may not establish a **'religion of secularism'** in the sense of affirmatively opposing or showing hostility to religion, thus **'preferring those who believe in no**

religion over those who do believe."

Along the same lines, **U.S. District Court** stated in *Crockett v. Sorenson*, W.D. Va., 1983:

"The First Amendment was never intended to insulate **our public institutions** from any mention of **God, the Bible or religion.**

When such insulation occurs, **another religion**, such as **secular humanism**, is effectively established."

In *Torcaso v Watkins* (1961), **Justice Hugo Black** wrote:

"Among the **religions** in this country which do not teach what would generally be considered a belief in the existence of God are Buddhism, Taoism, ethical culture, **secular humanism** and others."

Supreme Court Justice Scalia wrote in *Edwards v. Aguillard* (1987):

"In *Torcaso v. Watkins*, (1961), we did indeed refer to 'secular humanism' as a 'religion.'"

Intolerant discrimination against those who believe in God or the Bible is not what the founders intended when they wrote the Constitution.

George Washington wrote to the United Baptist Churches of Virginia, May 10, 1789:

"If I could have entertained **the slightest apprehension** that the Constitution framed by the Convention, where I had the honor to preside, **might possibly endanger the religious rights** of any ecclesiastical Society, certainly I **would never have placed my signature to it.**"

Ronald Reagan commented on the **National Day of Prayer**, May 6, 1982:

"Well-meaning Americans in the name of freedom **have taken freedom away.**

For the sake of religious tolerance, **they've forbidden religious practice."**

This **hostile attitude toward prayer** is displayed by governors and state officials in their **arbitrary enforcement** of COVID-19 restrictions, allowing liberty to **casinos, marijuana shops, liquor stores, Wal-marts, abortion clinics, protests and riots**, yet forcing churches and synagogues to disband; letting **criminals out of prison**, but **threatening to imprison pastors.**

In the Supreme Court case of *Town of Greece, NY, v. Galloway et al*, **Justice Kennedy** wrote in the decision, May 5, 2014:

"Respondents maintain that **prayer** must be nonsectarian ... and they fault the town for permitting guest chaplains to deliver **prayers** that 'use overtly Christian terms' or 'invoke specifics of Christian theology' ...

An insistence on nonsectarian or ecumenical **prayer** as a single, fixed standard is **not consistent with the tradition of legislative prayer** ...

... The Congress that drafted the **First Amendment** would have been accustomed to invocations containing **explicitly religious themes** of the sort respondents find objectionable.

One of the Senate's first chaplains, the Rev. William White, gave **prayers** in a series that included **the Lord's Prayer**, the Collect for Ash Wednesday, **prayers** for peace and grace, a general thanksgiving, **St. Chrysostom's Prayer**, and a **prayer** seeking 'the grace of our **Lord Jesus Christ, &c ...**'"

Justice Kennedy continued in *Greece v. Galloway*, May 5, 2014:

"The decidedly **Christian nature of these prayers** must not be dismissed as the relic of a time when our Nation was less pluralistic than it is today.

Congress continues to permit its appointed and visiting chaplains to express themselves in a religious idiom ...

To hold that invocations must be nonsectarian would force the legislatures ... and the courts ... to act as ... censors of religious speech ...

Government may not mandate a civic religion that stifles any but the most generic reference to the sacred any more than it may prescribe a religious orthodoxy ..."

Kennedy added:

"Respondents argue, in effect, that legislative **prayer** may be addressed only to a generic God.

The law and the Court could not draw this line for each specific **prayer** or seek to require ministers to set aside their nuanced and deeply personal beliefs for vague and artificial ones.

There is doubt, in any event, that consensus might be reached as to what qualifies as generic or nonsectarian ..."

Kennedy continued:

"While these **prayers** vary in their degree of religiosity, they often seek peace for the Nation, wisdom for its lawmakers, and justice for its people, values that count as universal and that are embodied not only in religious traditions, but in our founding documents and laws ...

The first **prayer** delivered to the Continental Congress by the Rev. Jacob Duché on Sept. 7, 1774, provides an example:

'Be Thou present O God of Wisdom and direct the counsel of this Honorable Assembly; enable them to settle all things on the best and surest foundations; that the scene of blood may be speedily closed;

that Order, Harmony, and Peace be effectually restored, and the Truth and Justice, Religion and Piety, prevail and flourish among the people.

Preserve the health of their bodies, and the vigor of their minds, shower down on them, and the millions they here represent, such temporal Blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world, and crown them with everlasting Glory in the world to come.

All this we ask in the name and through the merits of **Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Saviour**, Amen.' W. Federer, *America's God and Country* 137 (2000) ..."

Justice Kennedy concluded his *Greece v. Galloway* decision, May 5, 2014::

"From the earliest days of the Nation, these invocations have been addressed to assemblies comprising many different creeds ...

Our tradition assumes that adult citizens, firm in their own beliefs, can tolerate and perhaps appreciate a ceremonial **prayer** delivered by a person of a different faith."

On February 7, 1984, **President Reagan** addressed the National Association of Secondary School Principals:

"As we struggle to teach our children ... we dare not

forget that our civilization was built by men and women who placed their faith in a loving God.

If Congress can begin each day with **a moment of prayer ... so then can our sons and daughters.**"

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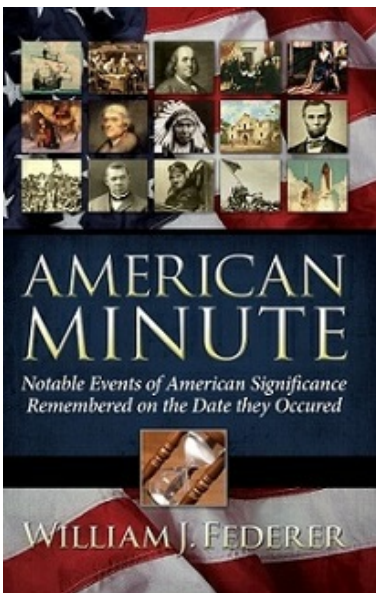
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