

The Liberator



WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS LIBERTY. 2 COR 3:17



SILENCE IS NOT AN OPTION!

Are you prepared to vote? Are you actively encouraging others to do the same? With midterm elections right around the corner, our liberties hang in the balance as never before. We are on the verge of losing everything we have been fighting for—in fact, I would argue that the very essence of “America” is now under siege from within. Truly there has never been a more important midterm election in our country’s history. American Christians must turn out and vote in accordance with biblical values.

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The effectiveness of the pro-faith, pro-family, pro-life initiatives of the Trump administration are on the line—and ultimately—the very survival of our constitutional republic is at stake!

With so much at stake, we DARE NOT be silenced in this election!

Historically, every sitting president’s party loses seats in midterms, and we already know that radical organizations have launched massive campaigns well ahead of the elections to rally their likely voters. Marriage, family, the sanctity of life, and the pillars of our society and government have all been systematically undermined by the Far-Left agenda. With this election, every pro-faith, pro-family, pro-life inch of ground we’ve gained in the past two years, and much more, could be lost if America’s God-fearing grassroots patriots don’t turn out to vote—and vote biblical values.

There is a systematic plan of attack well underway from a combination of internal “Deep State” forces, an increasingly hostile media, and anti-faith and anti-family groups like the SPLC, ACLU,

Lambda and many others. Their threats have two goals: they want to destroy President Trump and bully into silence anyone who dares to defend the president’s pro-faith and pro-family agenda. The lynchpin of this strategy involves destroying President Trump, and they are steadily making progress through the bogus “collusion” investigation by Robert Mueller.

One vote matters...Your vote matters.

The future of the Supreme Court and the federal judiciary also hang in the balance. In 1992, we were one vote away from

overturning the Roe v. Wade abortion decision. In 2002, we lost the partial birth abortion case by one vote, but in 2007 we won the partial birth abortion case by one vote. And, you remember, in 2015 we lost the same-sex marriage case by one vote.

One vote on the Supreme Court or anywhere matters, especially when life and liberty hang in the balance.

We must do our best to appoint officials at all levels of government who love

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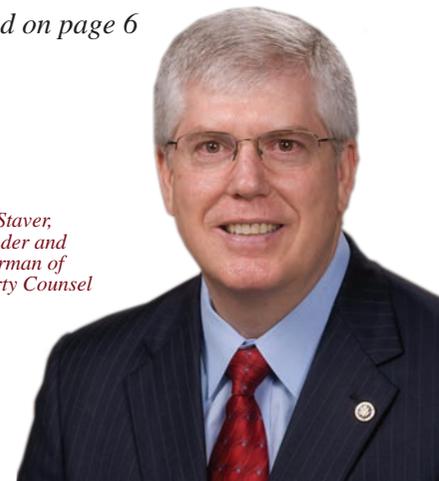
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LITIGATION UPDATE

When you stand with Liberty Counsel, you stand on the forefront of the battle to preserve our constitutional rights, fighting alongside our legal teams on behalf of those who are being victimized by radical subversives and self-proclaimed “globalists.” In this toxic legal environment, it is vital that Liberty Counsel maintains a strong voice for faith-based liberty in our nation. We do not charge our clients for representation. Their cause becomes our cause . . . and your cause . . . because threats to life, liberty, and freedom impact every American. Our liberties cannot survive if we do not fight back against the subversives who want to destroy our constitutional form of government.

The following list highlights some of the cases Liberty Counsel is involved in—standing against radical legal forces attempting to destroy the Constitution and to bring down our American way of life.

Religious Freedom

- Successfully defended Tom Parker, Associate Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, against a complaint filed by the Southern Poverty Law Center who sought to remove him from the Court. Liberty Counsel filed suit and a federal court ruled that a speech restrictive provision in the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics violates the First Amendment. The case is ongoing.
- Filed three briefs at the court of appeals on behalf of Kentucky County Clerk Kim Davis arguing that the ACLU is not entitled to attorney’s fees and the other plaintiffs cannot obtain damages against Davis because they did not obtain the relief they sought, which was to force Davis to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples with her name, title, and authority. Instead, Kim Davis obtained the religious accommodation she sought for herself and all clerks.
- Filed an amicus brief in *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* that was heard before the U.S. Supreme Court. The decision will soon be announced whether the government can force a

Colorado cake artist to use his artistic talents to create a wedding cake celebrating a same-sex ceremony.

- Filed a lawsuit against GuideStar because it posted a false and defamatory “hate group” label from the Southern Poverty Law Center regarding Liberty Counsel. Recently filed a brief at the court of appeals.
- Won a federal lawsuit brought by a national atheist group seeking to remove the Ten Commandments monument next to the Levy County, Florida courthouse.
- Successfully represented prison chaplains in Bennettsville, South Carolina, who were given religious accommodation so they could continue to minister and counsel inmates.
- Defeated an unconstitutional policy that Indiana Metropolitan School District of Pike Township used to discriminate against Child Evangelism Fellowship’s Good News Clubs. The clubs now have free use of facilities, without any time limit or restriction, as other non-religious groups enjoy.
- Obtained a court order for over \$55,000 in attorney’s fees and costs for the defense of Reverend Richard Sandberg regarding a lawsuit brought by a local strip club owner to silence his efforts to advance moral policy in St. Helena Parish in Louisiana.

Sanctity of Human Life

- Filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of our crisis pregnancy center clients. The California law requires crisis pregnancy centers to post 29 words in 48-point font in up to 13 languages directing people to free or low-cost abortions.
- Continued to defend Sandra Merritt against a federal lawsuit filed by Planned Parenthood in San Francisco in which it claims it lost tens of millions of dollars in taxpayer funds because of Sandra’s undercover video exposing the sale of body parts—and against the

California Attorney General who filed 15 criminal counts because of her undercover videos in which he is seeking to send her to jail for 11 years even though the FBI confirmed that it received the criminal investigation referrals of Planned Parenthood and other groups involved in the aborted baby body parts trade.

- Won a victory against the ObamaCare abortion and contraception mandate through its health plan when the Trump administration voluntarily dismissed the government's appeal in Ave Maria School of Law v. Sebelius, solidifying a legal victory for the Catholic law school.
- Defended Becky Biter and Colleen Reilly, two sidewalk counselors who encourage women to protect the life of their unborn child. Liberty Counsel presented evidence and arguments against a Harrisburg, PA, ordinance that created unconstitutional buffer zones to silence pro-life speech on public property and sidewalks around abortion clinics.
- Defending Scott Fitchett, Jr. in a suit brought by the New York Attorney General seeking to silence him from peacefully sharing the Gospel on public sidewalks outside an abortion clinic. Nearly one million babies have been aborted at this clinic since 1971. The director of the "escort" program praises mass murderer Mao Zedong and has been the long-time spokesperson for the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA, which advocates the violent overthrow of the United States.
- Won a major federal appeal ruling against the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, because its ordinance created unconstitutional buffer zones on public sidewalks and property to keep pro-lifers away from women nearing the clinic.
- Continue to defend sidewalk counselors in the District of Columbia who are being sued to stop them from alerting the public about a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic operating in between an elementary and a middle school.

- Filed an amicus brief to the court of appeals defending the Alabama law that prohibits dismemberment abortions of live unborn babies, known as Dilation and Extraction, based on the medical evidence of their ability to feel intense pain.

The Family

- Filed a brief in the G.G. v. Gloucester County School Board case, in which the federal court of appeals ruled that the federal law known as Title IX should be interpreted to include "gender identity." The U.S. Supreme Court blocked the federal court of appeals decision. Filed a second brief at the rehearing stage. The court of appeals canceled oral arguments and sent back the case and is likely to dismiss the case because Grimm has graduated.
- Filed a lawsuit in federal court against the City of Tampa for its adoption of an ordinance which prohibits licensed counselors from providing and minor clients from receiving counseling to reduce or eliminate their unwanted same-sex attractions, behaviors, or identity. The ordinance imposes significant monetary fines on counselors who provide such counseling.
- Challenging a California bill so broad it bans books, printed materials and advertisements which provide information that a person facing unwanted same-sex attractions or gender confusion can change. AB 2943 declares "advertising, offering to engage in, or engaging in sexual orientation change efforts with an individual" is fraudulent business practice.
- Launched the 15th annual Day of Purity on Valentine's Day to promote purity and respect and encourage young people to save sexual intimacy for marriage.
- Provided counsel on national, state, and local public policy. www.LC.org and www.LCAction.org

**Thank you for standing with
Liberty Counsel on the front lines!**

DON'T SUPPORT PLANNED PARENTHOOD!

The nation's biggest abortion chain dodged a bullet when Congress failed to defund it in the \$1.3 trillion "omnibus" spending bill. But now, the Trump administration is doing something different to derail the Planned Parenthood (PP) gravy train by targeting the \$60-80 million it gets each year in so-called "family planning" funds via Title X. In addition, Valerie Huber, acting deputy assistant secretary for population affairs at Health and Human Services, is a longtime abstinence-only leader, a sharp critic of PP, and has the final say as to which organizations get a share of the \$286 million in Title X money the federal government will dole out this year.



Planned Parenthood commits roughly 320,000 abortions annually and traffics in untold numbers of aborted baby parts for profit.

And now, PP is pushing its outrageous "sex-ed curriculum" in public schools, even in those states that require "abstinence only" education. PP gets around this restriction by arguing that their curriculum is "abstinence" based because instead of encouraging traditional sex acts, it promotes oral and anal sex. And this curriculum

is even presented to children as young as five! The "family planning money" PP receives from the federal government is being used to harm children.

We simply cannot sit by silently and let Planned Parenthood bully members of Congress, the Trump administration, and any other opponent into silence! We have a new opportunity to see \$60-80 million a year stripped away from the abortion giant, Planned Parenthood. We are doing everything we can to urge the Trump administration to make good on its pledge to zero out Planned Parenthood's federal tax-dollar windfall, and to stand with Valerie Huber as she faces a buzzsaw of sharp criticism and relentless pressure to get her to buckle.

We must not back down. We must not grow weary. We must take every opportunity to protect the unborn from these money-hungry butchers! Liberty Counsel is unabashedly pro-life. We work to advance this cause every day on behalf of pro-life organizations and advocates.

When you stand with Liberty Counsel, you are standing for life and for the protection of the preborn. Support from friends like you makes it possible for us to offer the best representation to our clients without charge, as we work to defend our families, faith, and freedom. Thank you for equipping us to fight for the restoration of values that hold that every life has meaning and a purpose.



AMERICA UNDER SIEGE

Liberty Counsel is launching “America Under Siege” — a strategic legal defense project designed to mobilize legal, cultural, and spiritual resources in defense of America’s core institutions and liberties. A series of systematic attacks from a combination of internal “Deep State” forces, an increasingly hostile media, and anti-faith groups like the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and the ACLU threaten the presidency, the rule of law, and our constitutional liberties. These attacks are fueled by an influx of hundreds of millions of dollars to anti-faith groups. If this systematic siege on our institutions and our liberties is not stopped, we could lose everything!

There are few organizations positioned to respond to these attacks and defend our core institutions and liberties — and even fewer truly independent and truly faith-based organizations that are rooted in our historic constitutional rights like Liberty Counsel. Right now, we are poised and positioned to rise up and challenge these attacks in the courts, at the local, state, and federal levels, in the media, and the grassroots, and we need the help of every God-loving patriot to stand with us.

“America Under Siege” will specifically target 4 key areas:

1. Presidency Under Siege: Liberty Counsel will commit strategic legal resources to stand with President Trump’s administration against the hostile, unconstitutional attacks on the presidency, attacks designed for the endgame of impeachment and usurping The People’s voice in the presidential elections. At risk are the impunity of our elections, attorney-client privilege, and the independence of the executive branch.

2. Christian and Patriotic Citizens Under Siege: Liberty Counsel will launch an aggressive national campaign offering legal defense for people of faith

who are facing increasingly intense attacks from the hostile anti-faith activists. This national campaign includes a special citizen ACTION PACK designed to reach hundreds of thousands of people and expanded legal defense and mobilization efforts.

3. Ministries and Businesses Under Siege:

Liberty Counsel is expanding its efforts in support of churches, ministries, and Christian businesses on the “Endangered” list. We are facing the total stripping of faith from the public square as cultural and legal forces work to make the public institutional expression of Christianity and Judeo-Christian values illegal.

4. Elections Under Siege: Liberty Counsel is responding to systematic efforts to manipulate and steal elections while suppressing the voice of pro-faith citizens at the polls. We will distribute strategic resources to up to 50,000 communities of faith in the key battleground states, while offering legal services to any church that faces bullying tactics this election year. Our nation is under siege! The presidency is now in the balance, as are our core religious liberties and constitutional freedoms. The future of the Supreme Court will be decided in less than half a year. We are on the verge of having a new Supreme Court Justice who will make the difference between life and death for our precious children in the womb.

Please stand with Liberty Counsel’s America Under Siege campaign to stop the systematic siege on our institutions and our liberties and pray for our country and our leaders in the face of intensifying hostility regarding religious liberties and the freedoms our nation was founded upon.

To find out more about the many ways you can help with this crucial initiative, visit our website LC.org.

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God and who will serve as ministers of justice. A person or party that does not fear God and respect life will likely have no problem taking our money, our property, and our First Amendment rights of religious liberty and freedom of speech! Remember, voting is not merely a political act; it is a prophetic witness to the community.

Empowered to Stand

In these critical midterm elections, the church must be empowered to confront the assaults on our culture, our faith, and our freedom. Pastors, church leaders, non-profit leaders, and grassroots believers must be engaged in the fight for the soul of our nation. However, we often find that these key people don't know what they can and can't share about such things. We all have a duty to speak spiritual and moral truths that shed God's light on the vital issues of our day. The church must be enlightened and empowered to confront the assaults on our faith and our freedom.

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To help pastors, leaders, and church members fulfill the high calling to fearlessly speak and stand for truth, Liberty Counsel is distributing our *Silence is Not an Option Action Packs*. This vital resource is composed of my liberating, fact-filled message to pastors and churches--a message on DVD entitled *Silence is Not an Option*, and our concise *Patriot's Handbook of Political Action for Pastors and Churches*.

This vital resource addresses the pivotal issue of political activities and elections. I address why we should be involved and what we can do. The Action Pack provides key information about what pastors, churches, and individuals may do to confront the secular and anti-God assaults on America. Christian leaders have a high calling to preach the truth from the Word of God, which is especially important when electing leaders who will make laws and policies that affect our faith, our families, and our freedom.

I cannot overstate how important this midterm election is to the future. We must not be silent. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Silence in the face of evil, is itself evil." Join Liberty Counsel in prayer and action, praying that pastors, churches, and the grassroots will not be silenced. You can also take action by helping us educate and motivate others to vote biblical values. We must not be muzzled by intimidation and misinformation!



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"Every generation must yearn for liberty and fight to preserve it!" — Mat Staver

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