

**THE UNITED STATES
CONSTITUTION
- DID IT SET US UP
FOR A WAR
ON WOMEN?
(Of course not, stupid!)**

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It All Seems So Silly - But There Is a Huge Agenda!

A short time ago I was ranting about some things that aggravated me about the liberals' incessant inability to see any demagoguery in what they do and say - particularly as regards the topic of "misogyny"/hatred of women/war on women. They see major flaws and a "sinful nature" in anyone who is even slightly right of center (like me for example), while ignoring their own extremely demagogic attitudes, particularly to women who dare to be conservative - it's so unfeminine I guess. If you care to look back at my rant, I believe you will find that I effectively showed that the "hatefulness scale" leans heavily in the direction of the really intolerant ones - those pesky liberals!

This Recent "War" All Started With

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.....- The First Amendment to the Constitution.

Ah yes! It's all coming back. Our ever-wise President decided the concept of religious freedom should be "dinged" just a bit. Ya' know, a "ding" here and a "ding" there, and fairly soon that once impenetrable armor of religious freedom will have a major hole in it. Those attacking religious freedom, in this case the Catholic church's prohibition of birth control, and abortion inducing drugs, seem to be very patient and when they see an opening they will take a little "bite" out of the remaining tradition of religious freedom.



It was decided that the provisions of Obamacare would now require traditional Catholic institutions such as hospitals, charities, colleges, and universities to provide employee insurance that includes birth control and abortion inducing drugs. In other words, those Catholic institutions which were not exclusively providing "worship services" would not be given the traditional "First Amendment exception" to this sort of requirement.

While the natural conservative reaction would be to say "Hey wait just a cotton-pickin' minute!" the libs had cleverly lured their opponents into a trap. Conservatives said, "you can't remove centuries

of religious freedom precedent with just a stroke of the President's pen!" That is, I believe, exactly the reaction the libs wanted from predictable and principled conservatives. Hence cometh the quickly verbalized liberal claim of conservative "misogyny" (hate of women) and their declaration of a conservative "war on women."

The conservatives were caught – hook, line, and sinker!

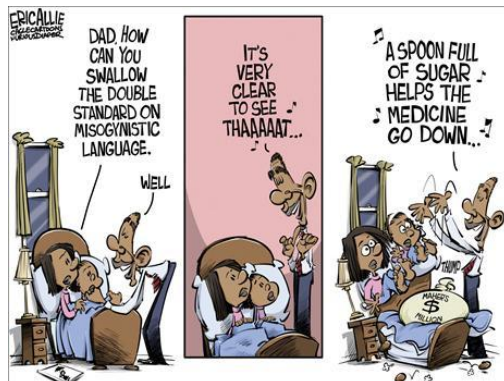
Good Bleepin' Grief! Where Did That Come From?

A long-held legal precedent was turned on its ear, as if it never had existed. Catholic hospitals, charities and schools, in spite of centuries of legally respected tradition, had their right to self determine such things cast aside as if it had never existed. The little uproar that did come out of liberal Catholic circles only amounted to "let's find some middle ground." Obama's crew said they would reconsider, but said that ultimately, the Catholic Church would have to consider a more "enlightened" reasoning than they normally do. Obama's initial compromise was that Catholic institutions would have a year to determine how to comply with the "law" in a way that placated their conscience. **How utterly absurd!**

And eventually Obama said – get this! – Catholic hospitals, and schools would have to provide this coverage to their employees, but costs would be absorbed by the insurance companies. That was supposed to solve that pesky "conscience problem." **Talk about form over substance!! My goodness gracious, and so help me Hanna! I'm starting to grind my teeth again!** I hope you can see that **no costs would end up being borne by the insurance companies!** They would merely be passing the costs along to all their customers – and the irony is that, of course, **the Catholic institutions would still be paying some of the cost** – it just would not be spelled out as one of the benefits they would be billed directly for. **Please tell me you understand the duplicity and hypocrisy of the Obama administration!**



And it Was All Just a Political Ploy!



It was at least partially just a political ploy to create a campaign slogan about the Republican Party's war against women. The libs needed an issue. They saw one. And they cast aside centuries of legal tradition respecting the religious freedom of the Catholic church and all its institutions, to win over the votes of certain liberal inclined women, who might emotionally react to the Catholic rules. **Talk about a modern day Judas and "thirty pieces of silver"!**

This Leads Into a Discussion of What the Real Issue is Here!

It has nothing to do with birth control. It has nothing to do with a war on women. It has nothing to do with the high cost of contraceptives. It has a lot to do with the liberal desire to weaken the power of religious institutions in our country. Religious diligence gets in the way of secular policies and religious devotion is considered by many libs to be so well 20 seconds ago (to borrow from a smart phone commercial)!



One of the projects I have for much more “studying and learning” is the huge and complicated subject of the First Amendment’s “establishment clause” and “free exercise clause” in reference to what has become known as “freedom of religion.” And this ridiculous ruling by Obama, sort of gave me the incentive to start looking into this subject which I have been developing a file on for two or three years.

A Few Points to Ponder

Some related suggestions for your consideration:

- In addition to the motives stated above, this action against the Catholic institutions was at least partially intended to muddy the waters of the freedom of religion issue with the abortion rights issue.
- The invention of the “war on women” issue was also intended to draw attention away from the efforts to undercut the Catholic church – a move very crucial to the goal of furthering the secularization of the United States – after all, churches are starting to get in the way of progressive legislation.
- Democrats know that republicans have no intention of barring women from contraceptives.
- **Contraceptives remain legal and widely available, and are either free of charge, or can be obtained at very minimal cost** – which makes this issue one of little substance but has the definite added value of distracting the voters from Obama’s fiscal sins and failures.
- For progressive, collective policies to work, there must be ever-increasing central control.
- Is it possible that traditional religion, as symbolized in this issue by the Catholic church, is perceived by some progressives to be a dire threat to furthering their cause? Often traditional religion takes conservative positions on abortion, marriage, prayer, and public displays during holidays such as Christmas. And guess what, that puts traditional religions in direct conflict will progressive policies.

Religion and good morals are the only solid foundations of public liberty and happiness – Samuel Adams, October 16, 1778

Please also remember:

- Religious liberty is one of the defining attributes of the United States.
- Religious liberty was a cornerstone of the “American experiment.”
- What we have in America is **not** properly described as merely “religious tolerance.”
- Religious liberty was perceived by our Founders as an inherent natural right.

- How can we continue pursuit of our ideals if we let this liberty slip through the cracks?
- The Founders argued that virtue derived from religion is indispensable to this “experiment.”
- The concept of “Separation of Church and State” is a misinterpretation of the original intent.
- **The Founders intent**, at least so it seems from my reading of the Federalist Papers, is that they **didn’t want the state interfering with religion**.
- On the other hand, it seems to me that Obama wants to issue decrees that he views as **preventing religious institutions from interfering with the state** – or at least his particular “hot buttons” as regards progressive legislation.
- Religious liberty is a right granted not by the government, but is endowed by the Creator.

Whether one agrees or not, one must remember and respect the fact that **the Catholic tradition being meddled with here has been doctrinally imposed, not frivolously introduced.**

I consider the government of the United States as interdicted by the Constitution from intermeddling with religious institutions, their doctrines, discipline, or exercises Certainly, no power to prescribe any religious exercise or to assume authority in any religious discipline has been delegated to the general government. It must then rest with the States. – Thomas Jefferson, letter to Samuel Miller, 1808

How many of us would prefer that the Founders had written the First Amendment so as to focus on fairness rather than freedom and instead wrote: Congress shall make no unfair laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the fair exercise thereof – Walter Williams, 2012 (The Obama “fairness doctrine” seems to be sneaking into this debate.)

The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, and never its tool. – Martin Luther King, Jr., 1963