

Family Issues & Government

Some people wonder what family issues have to do with government. But as with so many issues, one interacts with others. When we discuss family, we are talking about the foundation of all mankind. A strong foundation makes for a sturdy long lasting structure. The same applies to our society and government. If our family is weak, its members are weak, and as they filter into society it becomes weak, along with business, leadership and Country. Weak family members allow decaying of morals and minimization levels of honesty, integrity and self worth. On the other hand, the opposite is true for strong families furnishing society with quality citizens, flourishing business, robust economy, strong government, and a secure future for America.

Since the beginning of time, nations have come and gone. Their demise has always started with moral decay. Government cannot legislate morality, nor should it. But, government can and should advocate policies that allow families the opportunity to make those decisions that focus on our founding fathers vision for America.

A good example is Television programming. Government has relaxed its guidelines for what is acceptable and not acceptable programming. And, what time slots mature audience material can be viewed. This has taken place because cable television was capturing evening audiences with a more mature and diversified programming schedule. But by doing this, it made parental monitoring of prime time TV and their children more difficult. In a day and age when both husband and wife work and allow the television to baby sit their children, programming of unacceptable material is influencing and literally teaching our children what and how to think. Depending on what the material is, decides what the future of our society will look like. Should government outlaw the right of choice, no! But it shouldn't take away the option of choice for quality viewing. By simply advocating and maintaining a high standard of moral quality as it had been for local free channels, parents would still have that choice. Choice between "Pay for View" diversified programming, or local free family programming. It's as simple as freedom. And that my friends, is what America is all about!

We have State government passing laws giving certain individuals special protection, when the Constitution gives all Americans equal protection. Why would we want to single out anyone for special treatment? That is "Special Interest Groups" influencing our Legislators again. Our founding Fathers knew exactly what they were doing, when they put down in writing, that God gave us all certain inalienable rights; Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

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It's the same with State governments meddling in marriage. Government constantly wants to make life difficult when it is not necessary. So much of this all stems from secularism and the "Politically Correct" movement that's been influencing our judges for the past few decades.

The idea that family issues such as marriage, abortion, parental consent, and child discipline are somehow not connected to morality and the very fiber of our family unit is unacceptable. Listen to what our first President George Washington proclaimed in his Farewell Address, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." His Address was read annually in Congress for decades and was printed in schoolbooks for children to read for many years because it expressed the convictions of the American people about our republic. President John Adams aptly observed, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." Adams recognized that our Constitution would not work unless we retained moral and religious principles.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is what I mean when I speak of a "Common Sense Business Type Approach" to government. There are areas where government can support the family and belong in, and areas they don't. And in those areas they need to take part in, they need to utilize common sense, not political correctness. They need to review our Constitution, and remember they took an oath to uphold that Constitution, and they swore to that, on a Bible! They gave their word to God and Country!

In conclusion, let me be perfectly clear regarding the high profile family issues of today:

I am, Pro-Life

I am, for Marriage between one Man & one Woman

I am, for Parental Consent

I am, for Equal Rights for all Americans, period!

Thank you and Good Evening