



Focus on Religious Freedom

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"Glorious indeed has been our Contest... I hope we shall not forget that to Divine Providence is to be ascribed the Glory and the Praise."

- George Washington 1783

The principles that made America unique among all nations are those of faith in God as the creator and moral governor of the Universe, together with religious freedom, protected and guaranteed in the First Amendment.

Celebrating Presidents Week (in some states called "Ski Week") in February

George Washington's birthday is Feb. 22. Abraham Lincoln's birthday is Feb. 12. But, instead of honoring these great leaders on their actual birthdays, we combine them into one generic holiday called Presidents Week when schools are closed and most stores hold holiday sales.

Instead, students should learn the accomplishments of these exceptional leaders, their devout faith in God and reliance on His guidance, and their role in establishing and maintaining our "One Nation under God."

"How is it possible to overlook the significance of the leader who signed the Emancipation Proclamation that freed the slaves during the middle of the Civil War? Washington was so respected by his men at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War he could have been the king of the new nation. Instead, Washington wanted to help create a nation built on liberty," wrote former Gov. Scott Walker. ⁽¹⁾

American history - a once valued subject - is no longer a priority in public schools. This ignorance of history predicts troubling consequences as children grow up ignorant and unaware of the essential beliefs of Freedom, Freedom of Religion, and Freedom of Conscience, which founded our nation. "Children need to learn how to take original sources - not doctored textbooks - and analyze them ... to come to their own conclusions." ⁽²⁾

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"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." - Abraham Lincoln