



Focus on Religious Freedom

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Presidents Who Championed Religious Freedom

As Presidents' Day of 2021 passes, we should recollect and honor some Presidents who championed and protected Religious Freedom:

George Washington - "The establishment of Civil and Religious Liberty was the Motive which induced me to the field ..."

John Adams - "Nothing is to be more dreaded than a national government meddling in religion."

Abraham Lincoln - "He from Whom all blessings flow, must not be forgotten."

Ronald Reagan - "Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant, and the rule of law under God is acknowledged."

Bill Clinton - "Let us instead respect one another's faiths, fight to the death to preserve the right of every American to practice whatever convictions he or she has." ⁽¹⁾

Donald Trump - "Our republic was formed on the basis that freedom is not a gift from government, but that freedom is a gift from God." ⁽²⁾

Happening Now: The So-Called "Equality Act" Discriminates Against Faith & Freedom:

"Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity," wrote the U.S. Catholic Bishops (USCCB) but the soon to be voted on Equality Act "in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed." ⁽³⁾ It is a radical assault on religious liberty, the right to life and privacy rights and more accurately called the "inequality act."

Instead of respecting differences in beliefs and biology, marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would: "punish faith-based organizations such as charities and schools ..., force girls and women to compete against boys and men in sports, share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological men who identify as women; risk mandating taxpayers to fund abortions; force people in everyday life, especially health care workers, to support gender transition; and expand what the government considers a 'public' place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs." ⁽⁴⁾

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