

Action/Prayer/FYI alerts for America



Action/Prayer/FYI Item #1:

Barna Update | There's Good News About Global Poverty - But No One Believes It

Global Poverty Is on the Decline, But Almost No One Believes It

Did you know that, in the past 30 years, the percentage of people in the world who live in extreme poverty has decreased by more than half?

If you said no—if you thought the number had gone up; that *more* people, not less, live in extreme poverty—you aren't alone. According to a recent Barna Group survey, done in partnership with Compassion International and the new book [Hope Rising](#) by Dr. Scott Todd, more than eight in 10 Americans (84%) are unaware global poverty has reduced so drastically. More than two-thirds (67%) say they thought global poverty was on the rise over the past three decades.

How does such fatalism affect Americans' views of the developing world? Of global economic possibilities?

How does it affect charitable giving and optimism for a solution? And are Christians' views any different?

<https://www.barna.org/barna-update/culture/668-global-poverty-is-on-the-decline-but-almost-no-one-believes-it>

Note: I am not sure why they said no one would believe this report when we have all been affected by the redistribution of our wealth in America especially when it comes to outsourcing American jobs overseas amongst other things including confiscation of our private property. See the next two Action/Prayer/FYI items. According to Wikipedia the definition of redistribution of wealth is as follows:

¹ **Redistribution of income and wealth** or **redistribution of wealth** is the transfer of [income](#), [wealth](#) or [property](#) from some [individuals](#) to others caused by a social mechanism such as [taxation](#), [monetary policies](#), [welfare](#), [charity](#), [divorce](#) or [tort](#) law.^[1] The desirability and effects of redistribution are actively debated on ethical and economic grounds. The subject includes analysis of its rationales, objectives, means, and policy effectiveness.^{[2][3]}

¹Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Redistribution_of_wealth

If you do not know that this has been done on purpose, then access the following link which has many news stories concerning the redistribution of wealth.

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/news/wealth-redistribution/>

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #2:

Jurisdiction vs. Land Transfer and why the America people should care.

Jurisdiction vs. Land Transfer Jurisdiction Is the Only Solution

The Bundy family has done a great service to our country by standing up to the federal government and uniting various arms of our liberty movement, both of which DRA has advocated for a long time, and for bringing to the fore the work that has been ongoing for several years to solve the crisis caused by federal mis-management of public lands.

There are two competing approaches: Jurisdiction and Land Transfer. They hopefully will eventually merge into one, but for now they are distinctly different.

The proponents on both sides of this debate are true patriots; well-studied on the history, constitution, and legal issues; and believe in their conclusions. The debate, therefore, is only as to policy. Character, motivation, personalities, or similar side issues are not at question.

The choices we make now are fundamental to whether or not the founding principles, constitution, federation, and republican form of government survive. Accordingly, the decisions we make now must involve the greatest possible participation of the People, not solely legislators meeting in closed door sessions.

Toward that end, I offer my thoughts for consideration. If you would like to receive the PDF that Kirk sent out contact him at kirk@defendruralamerica.com.

Judge Napolitano: Feds Using 'Stalinistic' Show Of Force To Intimidate
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VENSIrs0nY>

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #3:

Western State Lawmakers Gather In Utah To Talk Federal Land Takeback

<http://www.libertycrier.com/western-state-lawmakers-gather-utah-talk-federal-land-takeback/#WxheGcSZibGgMfsC.99>

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #4:

Muslim Brotherhood Forming Political Party in America

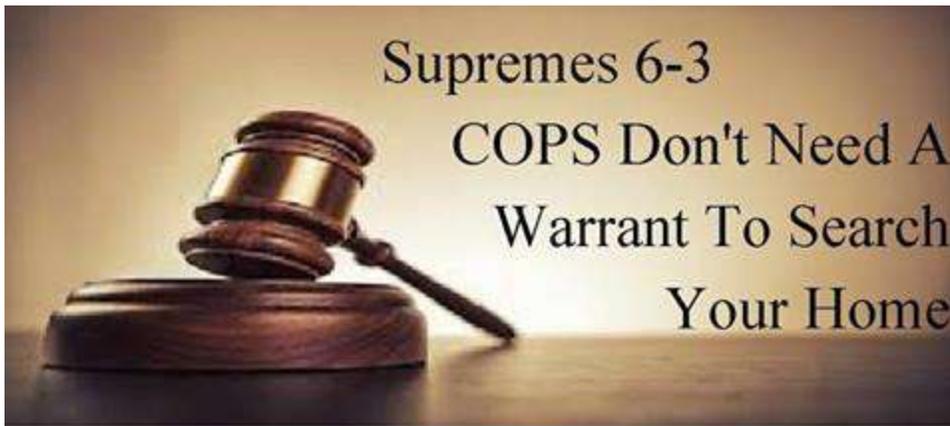
With the huge influx of Muslims into the United States and their vow to take over the nation, it should be no surprise to learn that the Muslim Brotherhood here in the US is forming its own political party. They plan to be an important factor in the 2016 elections. “USCMO aims to elect Islamists in Washington, with the ultimate objective of ‘institutionalizing policies’ favorable to Islamists — that is, Shariah law. This development bears careful monitoring in light of the U.S. Brotherhood’s recently exposed goal to wage a ‘civilization jihad’ against America that explicitly calls for infiltrating the U.S. political system and ‘destroying (it) from within’ — an expressed objective from the strategic memorandum.”...

To read more accessing the following link:

<http://bwcentral.org/?p=27155>

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #5:

Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that police don't need a warrant to search your property by KrisAnne Hall



KrisAnneHall.Com

"In another devastating blow to freedom, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that police don't need a warrant to search your property. As long as two occupants disagree about allowing officers to enter, and the resident who refuses access is then arrested, police may enter the residence.

"Instead of adhering to the warrant requirement," Ginsburg wrote, "today's decision tells the police they may dodge it, never mind ample time to secure the approval of a neutral magistrate."

...The majority, led by Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., said police need not take the time to get a magistrate's approval before entering a home in such cases. But dissenters, led by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, warned that the decision would erode protections against warrantless home searches. The court had previously held that such protections were at the "very core" of the 4th Amendment and its ban on unreasonable searches and seizures, reports the LA Times."

Read here: <http://thefreethoughtproject.com/supreme-court-rules-cops-warrant-search-home/>

Judges these days seem just fine with allowing the government exceptions to the 4th Amendment. That doesn't surprise me, I went to law school.

I know that law schools DO NOT teach the Constitution...they teach CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. Those are not the same things. Constitutional Law classes teach that men and women in black robes know more about the Constitution than the men who wrote it. They also teach that these same black-robed constitutional illiterates can rewrite the Constitution through precedent and opinions based on their erroneous law school education.

Let's Get Educated!

Government Exceptions to the 4th Amendment; Where are they? –

<http://krisannehall.com/government-exceptions-to-the-4th-amendment-where-are-they/>

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #6:

Psychiatrists Are the New Federal Gun Control Agents and Political Thought Police

<http://thecommonsenseshow.com/2014/04/27/psychiatrists-are-the-new-federal-gun-control-agents-and-political-thought-police/>

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #7:

Please continue to pray for and donate money to help tornado victims who were impacted by severe spring storms in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Tennessee

Deadly Tornadoes Rip through Midwest, Plains and South US, Killing at Least 17—Tornado Threats Continue this Week

http://www.breakingchristiannews.com/articles/display_art.html?ID=13755

The following charities are taking donations for this cause:

Mercury One **Note: the majority of your donation**, minus fees and charges by third party companies for donations via credit card, such as merchant processing fees go directly to aid the victims of this disaster

<https://secure.ggiv.com/for/modonate/>

Red Cross by accessing the following link:

<https://www.redcross.org/donate/index.jsp?donateStep=2&itemId=prod10002&score=RSG00000E065&subcode=428southerntornadoes>

Samaritan's Purse by accessing the following URL:

http://www.samaritanspurse.org/donation-items/us-disaster-relief-donation/?utm_source=6248-Arkansas-Tornado&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=m_YS4G-000E&utm_content=button

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #8:

Georgia Right to Life Hails Pro-Life Taxpayer Victory

<http://crossmap.christianpost.com/news/georgia-right-to-life-hails-pro-life-taxpayer-victory-10051>

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #9:

National Polling Trends Among Youth by Star Parker

National Polling Trends Among Youth Conservative Leadership for 'The Next America'

By Star Parker



A new, sweeping demographic snapshot of the United States, "The Next America," has been produced by the Pew Research Center. The data and graphs present a stunning picture of how dramatically the United States has changed and how dramatically it will continue to change. The big themes that one walks away with is that America is getting older, less white, less religious, less traditional, and less patriotic. These trends suggest big questions regarding the future of the country and what the implications are regarding our politics and public policy. Read more access the following link:

http://nationalblackroberegiment.com/conservative-leadership-next-america/?utm_source=National+Black+Robe+Regiment&utm_campaign=4bc9ca5035-In_the_News_5_1_14&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e1dba415b9-4bc9ca5035-230558709

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #10:

Say “No” To Unconstitutional Orders-Sign the ACLJ Petition

America does not have a king.

Our Constitution is designed around a system of checks and balances, where an elected President works with an elected Congress to pass laws that comply with the Constitution.

Rather than work with a Republican Congress, President Obama pledged to use the “pen” and the “phone” to craft executive orders to bypass Congress.

That’s unacceptable. That’s unconstitutional. And at the ACLJ we’ll challenge the Obama Administration in court to defend the Constitution. Stand with us.

<http://aclj.org/us-constitution/end-unconstitutional-executive-orders?sf25386262=1>

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #11:

Liberty Counsel Sponsors Life Directive for Nation's Largest Hispanic Organization

Liberty Counsel

NEWS RELEASE

Contact: PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT - 800-671-1776 or Media@LC.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: April 28, 2014

Liberty Counsel Sponsors Life Directive for Nation's Largest Hispanic Organization

LC.org

Washington, DC – For the second consecutive year, Liberty Counsel is partnering with the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC) to lead the NHCLC Life Directive. The largest Hispanic evangelical association with over 40,118 evangelical Hispanic churches, the NHCLC is committed to supporting life from conception to natural death.

“Our liberty is based on the unalienable right to life that comes from our Creator. The right to life is the right of all rights. No other right has meaning without life,” said Mat Staver, Founder and Chairman of Liberty Counsel.

“We believe that the Hispanic community, with its long-standing tradition of strong families and faith, holds the key to restoring pro-life and pro-family values in America,” said Staver. “We are excited to continue our partnership with the NHCLC, giving a voice to the Hispanic community to restore a culture of life in America,” Staver concluded.

Liberty Counsel is an international nonprofit litigation, education, and policy organization dedicated to advancing religious freedom, the sanctity of life, and the family since 1989, by providing pro bono legal assistance and representation on these and related topics.

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #12:

Secretary of State John Kerry's use of the term "apartheid state" to threaten Israel

On April 28, 2014 the Emergency Committee for Israel released the following statement on Secretary of State John Kerry's use of the term "apartheid state" to threaten Israel:

On Friday, Secretary of State John Kerry raised the specter of Israel as an "apartheid state." Even Barack Obama condemned the use of this term when running for president in 2008.

Yet this was no gaffe. Secretary Kerry's musings on the Jewish state's dire future have become a regular feature of his public remarks. His latest prediction follows other statements in recent months that have in effect

threatened Israel -- never the Palestinians -- with a list of disasters should his diplomatic efforts fail: violence, isolation, delegitimization, boycotts -- and now "apartheid."

It is no longer enough for the White House to clean up after the messes John Kerry has made. It is time for John Kerry to step down as Secretary of State, or for President Obama to fire him. And it would go a long way toward repairing the damage Kerry has done if his predecessor as Secretary of State, who is the likely Democratic Party nominee for president, explained why this kind of rhetoric had no place in her State Department and why it will have no place in her presidential campaign.

The statement is available online here: www.committeeforisrael.com/kerry

For any questions or media inquiries, please contact ECI's executive director, Noah Pollak: noah@committeeforisrael.com, 202-421-4092.

If you do not know why this is such an insult concerning Israel made by our Secretary of State, John Kerry, access the following link below.

Israel and the apartheid analogy

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel_and_the_apartheid_analogy

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #13:

Sign ACLJ's Petition to Defend Israel and Defund Her Terrorist Enemies.

It's been an astonishing week in Washington, with revelation after revelation exposing the Obama Administration's incompetence and duplicity.

First, Secretary of State Kerry slandered our ally Israel, the Middle East's most vibrant democracy, by saying that it could become an "apartheid" state. He's trying to walk back that despicable statement, but it shows the Obama Administration's hostility against Israel, our longtime ally. Our top diplomat is comparing Israel to an "apartheid" state while the terrorist group Hamas is poised to unite with Palestinian extremists against Israel. We must take a stand for our greatest ally in the Middle East - Israel - against this deadly new jihadist threat. We're mobilizing our Jerusalem office and working in Washington to stop this outrage.

Second, the Administration made this statement even as the Palestinian Authority planned to join with Hamas, an anti-Semitic, jihadist, terrorist organization. Hamas routinely launches rockets at Israeli children. The Palestinian Authority won't even recognize Israel's right to exist. When they unite, our tax dollars will be funding terrorists. Last week, Hamas and the Palestinian Authority announced their long-planned unity government. In a mere few weeks, the terrorists of Hamas will join the extremists in the Palestinian Authority - united in their resolve to destroy Israel.

Did you know the United States provides hundreds of millions of taxpayer funds to the Palestinian Authority, and if this unity government is finalized, you will actually be funding Hamas - a recognized terrorist organization?

Third, the Obama Administration's spin about Benghazi collapsed as it was revealed that it knew a video wasn't to blame for the attacks, and the Administration did not even try to rescue Americans who were murdered.

How are these things connected? They show the Obama Administration still doesn't understand the Middle East, and it still doesn't know our enemies.

Israel understands the threats. Israel confronts jihad even when we retreat. Stand with Israel today: Please access the following link to sign the petition.

<http://aclj.org/israel/defend-israel-defund-terrorists>

Jay Sekulow
ACLJ Chief Counsel

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #14: **Christians United for Israel (CUFI) Talking Points on the Hamas-Fatah Unity Deal**



Earlier this week, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas agreed to form a national unity government with Hamas. In so doing, **Abbas** crossed a bright red line that should disgust all who seek peace. Hamas is a terrorist organization that is recognized as such by both the United States and the European Union. To this day, Hamas refuses to recognize the State of Israel and refuses to renounce terrorism. Quite to the contrary, Hamas has claimed credit for suicide attacks that have killed hundreds of Israeli civilians and has launched tens of thousands of missiles into Israel. The Hamas charter doesn't only call for the death of all Israelis; it calls for the death of all Jews. By reaching out to Hamas, Abbas has turned his back on peace.

Israel suspends peace talks over unity deal

Israel on Thursday afternoon announced the suspension of peace negotiations with the Palestinian Authority in the wake of Wednesday's announcement of a unity agreement between rival Palestinian factions Fatah and Hamas. To read more, access the following link:

<http://makeadifference.cufi.org/?p=3520>

Obama: Israel, Palestinians in need of 'pause' in talks

US President Barack Obama said on Friday that Israel and the Palestinians may be in need of a “pause” in their negotiations.

Speaking to the press while on a tour of Asia, the president said that Mideast peace has proven elusive due to the unwillingness of leaders in the region to make “hard choices.” To read more, access the following link:

<http://makeadifference.cufi.org/?p=3524>

Uniting With Terrorists Won’t Lead to an Accord

The Palestinians have been a house divided since 2007, when Hamas, a violent Islamist organization, overran the Palestinian Authority. The violence erupted after a political standoff following their stunning electoral victory the previous year. To this day, Hamas still controls Gaza, while the rival Fatah faction (which controls the Palestinian Liberation Organization) clings to power in the West Bank. To read more, access the following link:

<http://makeadifference.cufi.org/?p=3530>



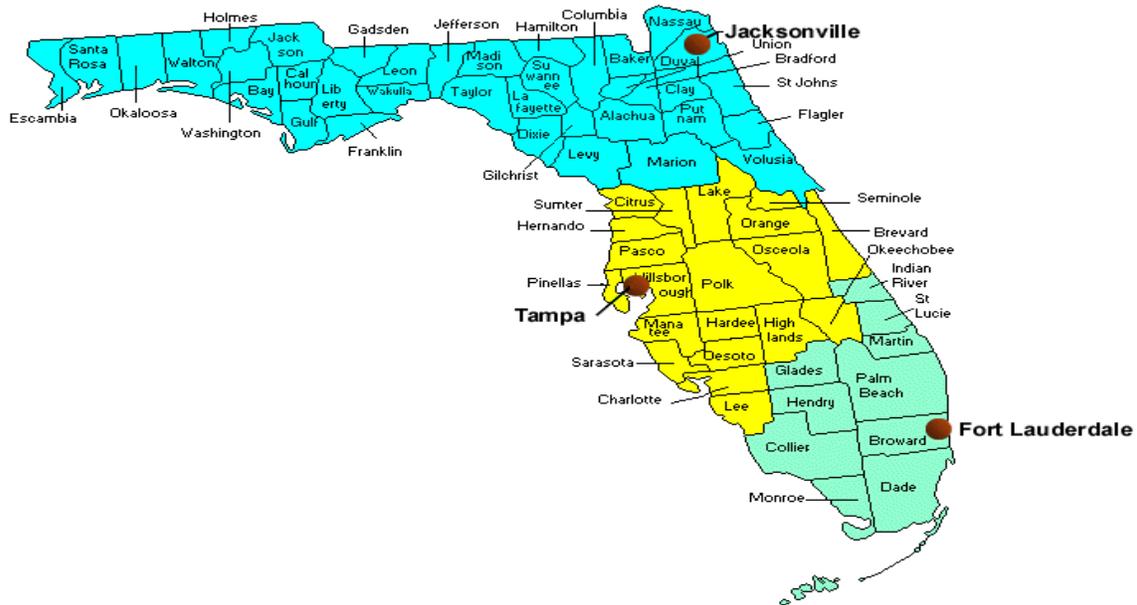
We will be gathering in DC at a critical time, when our leaders may well be finalizing the details of a nuclear deal with Iran. We know that when thousands of CUFI activists arrive on Capitol Hill, we can change the conversation. We know we can remind our leaders that a nuclear Iran is not only a threat to Israel, but to the US as well. We know we can focus their minds and stiffen their spines.

Don't be silent! Don't miss this historic opportunity to stand with Israel! Join us in DC! To register access the following link:

http://www.cufi.org/site/PageServer?pagename=2014Summit_welcome

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Action/Prayer/FYI Item #1:

Florida Legislature 2014: What passed and what failed

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2014/05/03/4096737/florida-legislature-2014-what.html>

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #2:

Florida Family Policy Council's Victories: Insider's Report Week 8 of 8 in the 2014 Legislative Session

The following is an excerpt from the FFPC of some of the bills that passed and some of the bills that died during this year's legislative session...

VICTORY REPORT
GOOD Bills Passed by the Legislature:

HB 59 Unborn Victims of Violence Bill - Rep. Ahern (R) / Sen. Stargel (R)

Justice for the Unborn- This bill creates the "Unborn Victims of Violence Act" which recognizes the death or injury (due to violence or vehicular homicide) of an unborn child as the death or injury of a second person. As mentioned last week this is a historic win as this bill has been filed for seven years in a row and just finally passed. This is a victory for the rights of the unborn and it places our laws and our culture one step closer to being pro-life.

HB 1047 Bans Abortion of a Viable Unborn Child - Rep. Adkins (R) / Sen. Flores (R)

This bill bans abortions if the doctor reasonably determines that the child has achieved viability. It provides strict exceptions if the mother's life is endangered by the pregnancy or if the mother will suffer substantial and irreversible physical damage by continuing the pregnancy. This bill makes Florida's abortion ban as early as possible without violating Roe vs. Wade or Florida's [artificially manufactured abortion rights](#) in its state constitution. By banning abortion of viable fetuses we create a moving target for abortion ban as technology improves to allow for earlier viability.

SB 386 Freedom from Foreign Law - Rep. Combee (R) / Sen. Hays (R)

This bill prevents Florida judges from relying on the laws of foreign nations as precedent if they would violate existing Constitutional rights in certain cases. Sharia compliant Muslims have as their own stated goal the creation of the "[Caliphate](#)" which is a complete Islamic State where "[Sharia](#)" law would be imposed upon an entire society and eventually the world. This bill would prevent the reliance upon Islamic law by courts where to do so would violate existing state or federal constitutional rights. The bill could also be used to prevent a judge from relying on European or other foreign laws to find a way to advance leftist social agendas.

SB 188 Prohibits Collection of Student's Data - Rep. Raburn (R) / Sen. Hukill (R)

This good bill protects against some of the abusive aspects of the Common Core education reforms. It regulates the collection and recording of student's data. It also creates a process for the each school district to determine what information will be collected and who will have access to it. SB 232 prohibits the school district from collecting biometric data collection.

NOTE: It is expected that Florida Governor Rick Scott will be signing all these good bills into law. We will keep you updated if the Governor needs encouragement or needs to hear from you on any of these matters. We usually will not issue an action alert asking you to contact your legislators unless we learn in the legislative process that a given bill is in trouble or has critical swing votes needed.

Good Bills that Did Not Pass:

[HB 551/SB 1602](#) **20 Week Abortion Ban** - Rep. Van Zant (R) / Sen. Evers (R)

This bill bans abortion after 20 weeks, except in the case the child is not viable as determined by a physician through an examination of the woman and child. Physician must test and record the stage of fetal development, gestational age, weight, and lung maturity, in addition to any other tests the physician feels necessary to make the determination that the child is not capable of surviving outside of the womb with or without medical assistance.

[HB 25/SB 1316](#) **Public School Curricular Standards and Assessments** - Rep. Mayfield (R) / Sen. Evers (R)

This bill stops or pauses common core from being further implemented and performs an overhaul of the standards, beginning with the state board of education holding a community meeting in every congressional district in the state.

Common Core is one of the hottest topics in the state. Because the legislature wouldn't hear this bill, opponents of Common Core State Standards are turning their attention to Governor Scott to rid this state of this federal overreach.

Marriage: NOTE: **While not a bill, Florida's Legislative Leadership failed once again to allocate any funding for marriage education programs which is very disappointing. This is one area that the legislature must give attention to. Florida has consistently failed to create laws which serve to strengthen marriages and reduce family fragmentation. Some bill proposals require no funding at all, just leadership. In future years, bills to promote and strengthen marriages will continue to be a major legislative priority for the FFPC.**

VICTORY REPORT:

Bad bills that Died:

All of the bad bills we identified and opposed died! With the exception of gambling, they weren't even heard in a single committee! Several gambling ideas were heard in committee, but no consensus was reached.

[HB 439/SB 578](#) **Domestic Partnership Registry** - Rep. Stewart (D)/Sen. Sobel (D)

This bill calls itself a mere domestic partnership but it is actually a full blown form of civil union or faux homosexual marriage attempting to give many of the rights, benefits, and privileges of marriage. These bills are presently different, but have the same intention of recognizing domestic partnerships. The real danger of these arrangements is that they are consistently used by renegade courts and legislative bodies as a precedent for advancing homosexual marriage arrangements.

[HB 239/SB 348](#) **"LGBT Rights"** Adding Gender Expression to Non-Discrimination Laws- Rep. Saunders (D)/Sen. Abruzzo (D)

This bill makes sexual orientation, gender expression, and gender identity impermissible grounds for discrimination. One of the worst pieces of legislation, these statutory schemes are being used all over the country as a weapon to punish Christians.

[HB 221/SB 240](#) **Sexual Orientation Change Therapy Restrictions** - Rep. Richardson (D)/Sen. Clemens (D)

This bill prohibits counselors and psychologists from counseling their patients under the age of 18 to change their sexual orientation, behaviors, gender identity, gender expression or to reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attractions toward a person of the same gender.

[HB 1383](#) **Gambling Commission** - Rep. Schenck (R)

This bad bill creates a Gaming Control Commission and Department of Gaming Control to provide for oversight of pari-mutuel facilities, slot machines, cardrooms, and gaming. Commission members are appointed. If the Florida legislature turns control of the gaming industry over to a commission we lose all accountability to the people.

[SB 7050/7052/7054](#) **Casino Gambling Package Expansion Bill** - Proposed by the Gambling Committee/Sen. Richter. These bills would create two new casinos in Florida, create a new state department to "regulate" gambling and would require a constitutional amendment for any gambling not presently allowed by law.

[SB 98](#) **Expanding the Florida Lottery to Online Portals Lottery** - Sen. Margolis (D)- This bill would authorize the Department of the Lottery to create a program to purchase lottery tickets online.

[HB 8001/SB 68](#) **Feminist "ERA" Amendment** - Berman (D) /Sen. Joyner (D)- This bill would ratify the proposed long failed ERA "Equal Rights Amendment" to the Constitution of the United States.

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #3:

Bill HB 581 offering in-state tuition to students in U.S. illegally passed in the Florida Legislature. It now heads to Gov. Rick Scott, who says he'll sign it into law.

Full Fla. Legislature passes in-state tuition bill

[HTTP://ARTICLE.WN.COM/VIEW/2014/05/02/FULL_FLORIDA_LEGISLATURE_PASSES_INSTATE_TUITIO
N_BILL_H/](http://article.wn.com/view/2014/05/02/full_florida_legislature_passes_instate_tuition_bill_h/)

Call Senate President Don Gaetz, (850) 487-5001, and House Speaker Will Weatherford, (850) 717-5038. Tell them they have education legislation upside down...they are working against our kids and deliberately dumbing

them down with the unfettered implementation of Common Core and for illegal students by allowing the passage of in-state tuition for them!

Also call Gov. Rick Scott, (850) 488-7146 who according to the articles above said, *“This is an exciting day for every student who dreams of getting a college education,”* Scott told reporters after the vote.” It is fully expected that he will sign this bill into law.

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #4:

Revived Voucher Bill Has Opportunity For Common Core Test Opt Out & Dangers For Private Schools And Homeschoolers

Please contact your senator by accessing the link below and call the following representatives, especially Senate President Don Gaetz.

Senate President Don Gaetz at (850) 487-5001

Senate Majority Leader Lizbeth Benacquisto at (850) 487-5030

Bill’s author Senator Kelli Stargel at (850) 487-5015

<http://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/#Senators>

SUPPORT THE BULLARD 615284 AMENDMENT to allow public school students to choose one of the nationally norm-referenced tests that private school students take instead of the awfu; common core test.

OPPOSE THE MONTFORD 600876 AMENDMENT to require private school voucher students to take the AIR Common Core tests, which would impose the Common Core standards on private schools.

Please DO NOT ACCEPT ANY LANGUAGE IN AMENDMENTS OR FROM THE HOUSE THAT WOULD PROMOTE COMMON CORE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS.

<http://myemail.constantcontact.com/URGENT--Support-Public-Opt-Out-of-CCSS-Tests---Protect-Private-Schools.html?soid=1104610489842&aid=07rg-f6ehwY>

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #5:

End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment testing has now been implemented instead of FCAT under the *Next Generation Sunshine State Standards* aka Common Core which requires parents to purchase the Practice Assessment Tool for EACH predetermined subject. And, this will impact homeschoolers

and private school students which seek to get accepted into state colleges and universities.

Many parents have been glad to hear that FCAT will be no longer be required to be taken by students in the public schools in the near future. However, before you get too excited about this news... what they have now done under the *Next Generation Sunshine State Standards* aka Common Core is this. They are now requiring that students entering High School must take a SEPARATE test called End-of-Course (EOC) Assessment on EACH PREDETERMINED SUBJECT which will affect their grade, and in some cases determine whether or not they will graduate.

In addition, it appears, that parents now have to **purchase** the Practice Assessment Tool (ePAT) FOR EACH SUBJECT in order for the students to be able to take the EOC Assessment from the state as I have highlighted in yellow and green below which is taken right off their website at the link I have provided below.

On this site it specifically says, "All students are **required** to take the six-item practice test **before** taking the EOC Assessment."

So it seems this is another way for the state to generate additional revenue by making these tests mandatory via the *Next Generation Sunshine State Standards* aka Common Core. They just changed the name of Common Core to the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards because of all the negative publicity RE: Common Core.

<http://www.flvs.net/myFLVS/study-tools/EOC/Pages/algebra.aspx>

Then when you go to the ePat Practice Test Session, you have to purchase the PREPWORKS EOC Prep Program.

How can I prepare?



REQUIRED: Download the electronic **Practice Assessment Tool (ePAT)**. For instructions on how to install the ePAT, [click here](#). All students are required to take the six-item practice test before taking the EOC Assessment. This practice test will help you gain familiarity with the types of questions and test functionality.

ePAT Practice Test Sessions:

[Click here](#) to listen to a recorded script reading.



Seek parental permission to purchase the PREPWORKS EOC Prep program. [Choose from three review programs to meet your study needs.](#)



Review for the test by working through all of the great examples in our **Algebra 1 End-of-Course Review** and download the formula sheet that will be available during the assessment [here](#).



FLVS has created a **practice test** that represents the actual End-of-Course Assessment to help you study. Check your answers [here](#).



Seek parental permission to download the FLVS **meStudying 2.0: Algebra I** smartphone app. [iTunes App Store](#) and [Android Market](#).



Ask your district for a username and password for the [FCAT Explorer/Focus](#) for benchmark-level assessments.



Visit the [Florida Department of Education's EOC FAQ's page](#), and check out [student tutorials](#) to prepare for a computer-based assessment.

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #6:

Florida: 3,000 Voter Registrations List a UPS Store as a Residence

<http://drrichswier.com/2014/04/25/florida-3000-voter-registrations-list-a-ups-store-as-a-residence/>

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #7:

Join Dutch Sheets, Chuck Pierce & Ken Malone for a 3 day gathering to unlock Awakening on the Sun coast of Florida.

When & Time:

Thursday, June 19th 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 20th 9:00 a.m. Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 21st 9:00 a.m. until Noon

Where:

Gulf Coast Church

13301 Walsingham Road, Largo, Florida 33774

To R.S.V.P. access the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/221825198028579/>

Action/Prayer/FYI Item #8:

Florida 2014 Elections Prayer Guide from the US Reformation Prayer Network

We believe that it is an essential right for every Christian in America to vote. In this 2014 elections guide for Florida, find out which offices are being voted on, candidates running for them, and what top state issues to pray for!

http://www.usrpn.org/articles/single/florida_2014_elections_prayer_guide

Together we CAN make a difference for **His Kingdom** and **America!** Blessings until we meet again.

Thanks and God Bless!

In His Service,

Donna M. Rogers

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