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Fairness Doctrine question? - posted by MaryJane, on: 2008/10/20 11:07

Greetings

I was wondering if the democrats take a larger majority in congress and Obama is elected there is talk that they would bring back the fairness doctrine.(Equal time for opposing view points) Would that only have an effect on radio or would it effect sites like Sermon index as well? I mean would Greg have to allow those who are opposed to Christianity time and space to speak or share their point of view regardless?

Just a final thought this post is just a question about how this fairness doctrine(if made law) would effect Sermon Index, not about the election or politics in general.

God Bless
MJ

Re: Fairness Doctrine question? - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/10/20 11:24

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Re:, on: 2008/10/20 11:29

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That's interesting, I wonder how that would work. I guess private websights or blogs would not be available any longer.

Re: Fairness Doctrine question? - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2008/10/20 11:42

Consider that to be "fair" the fairness doctrine will have to work both ways. Those who publish an opposing view to Christianity(and they are many) must allow time for a Christian viewpoint.

In Christ,

Ron

Re:, on: 2008/10/20 11:45

You know where this is headed, equal time in the pulpit.

Re:, on: 2008/10/20 11:59

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Re:, on: 2008/10/20 12:14

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You're right Krispy, they can't compete so the answer is to silence us. This is just an attempt to shut us down because like you said noone listens to them and they know that. By passing this law these radio programs will just leave the air because they will not allow these liberals on their show and if they did most people like myself would not listen.

Here's a petition: <https://www.aclj.org/Petition/Default.aspx?sc=3293&ac=1>

Re:, on: 2008/10/20 12:21

Well..... believe me, these talk radio stars like Limbaugh and Hannity and Beck make soooo much money, it would not happen without a fight. You dont think Limbaugh will just drop out of sight and give up that huge income, do you? lol

Krispy

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2008/10/20 12:31

Greetings

I am very interested in how this could effect christian web sites such as Sermon Index as well as others. IF this is made into law you can see where it has the potential to go. Could be one day that atheist demand equal time in churches to give their side and the church would be obligated to go along because of this?

(Sigh) As with everything we must be seeking God daily and no matter what comes hold firm to Him. I am not sure what lays ahead just know that my hope and faith is in Jesus.(just reminding myself)

Thanks for replies

God Bless

MJ

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MJ

Amen, well God said He would shake everything but we're not going to be shaken. A lot of shaking going on but I'm still singing. We have a lot more shaking to go yet so like you said we just have to hold on and not be troubled by these things. Time for some worship music....:-)

Hebrews 12:27

And this word, Yet once more, signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Re:, on: 2008/10/20 13:04

There is nothing in the Constitution about "fairness of speech"... but I do recall seeing something about "freedom of speech". But our government pretty much ignores the Constitution anymore. Just read the Patriot Act sometime.

Krispy

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiiss (), on: 2008/10/20 17:03

There is a name for the "fairness doctrine." It is known as an attribute of "socialism" and/or "communism." It is similar to the doctrine in communist nations that is used to limit free speech. There are some "free" nations that limit Christian voices in the media (internet, radio, television, etc...) simply because of a liberal government-mandated "fairness" to the pagans.

Pray, saints!

Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2008/10/20 22:32

Edit: (<http://www.examiner.com/x-431-SF-Politics-Examiner~y2008m10d18-Extending-the-fairness-doctrine-to-the-web>)
More on the fairness doctrine and the net

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/10/21 8:23

So if the atheists get equal time on websites as well as the churches, will Christians demand equal rights to be heard where these people voice their opinions? I can not imagine Christians even wanting to tangle with these sorts! We are too gentle! In other words I cannot imagine Jesus walking about looking to find a liberal to fight with. And if he wouldn't the Holy Spirit would not inspire Believers to do likewise. Come to think about it 'debate' is listed in the catalog of sins, right along with fornication, covetousness, etc. (Romans 1:29-31). This is what these 'discussions' would degenerate to, I am afraid, because ungodly people are angry people who are fighting God and any person who appears to be the personification of the issue they are fighting will become a target for their hatred and venom and outrage.

I have come across some weblogs written by anti-Christians, berating our philosophy, lifestyles and it just about makes you puke! It is so vile. I have never in reading any Christian site seen such vituperation spewed as generated by those people!

Now, y'all have a blessed day! THIS is the day the LORD has made so we WILL rejoice and be glad in it! And don't forget to pray for the Revival conference beginning today in Atlanta!

ginnyrose

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Yea, exactly we won't be. I have to wonder though if God is giving our country over to a reprobate mind because as the scripture says they do not want to retain God in their knowledge. The word has been heard and rejected.

Romans 1:28

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/10/22 13:01

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And have you ever noticed that the ones who do society, culture, the church the most damage are those whose heritage, roots are in Christianity? Think about it! Many of these people have been in the church (and I use this term broadly), may have made a profession of faith at some point or just been exposed to Jesus' teachings.

Want some names? How about: Adolph Hitler, Karl Marx, Elvis Presley, Faye Wattleton, Hugh Hefner and I am sure there are more, these just come to my mind.

ginnyrose