



SPECIAL REPORT

The ‘Anti-Christian Liberties’ Union (ACLU)

The American Civil Liberties Union claims to be dedicated to protecting the freedoms of all Americans. But its legacy is one of defending pornographers, child molesters, abortionists, and stripping our nation of its Judeo-Christian heritage.

- In Virginia, the ACLU has protested the issuing of “Choose Life” license plates and a moment of silence for school children at the beginning of each day.
- In Colorado, the ACLU successfully defended a homosexual female in her effort to gain co-parenting custody of a young girl from her Christian mother. The judge ruled that the homosexual was a “psychological parent” who deserved 50-50 custody of the child.
- The ACLU is defending the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) for this pedophile group’s role in the brutal murder of 10-year-old Jeffrey Curley in 1997.
- The ACLU routinely opposes internet filtering systems on library computers to protect children from exposure to pornography.
- The ACLU favors the decriminalization of marijuana.
- The ACLU has filed lawsuits throughout the United States to remove Christian crosses and the 10 Commandments from public buildings.

The ACLU’s Radical Leftist Beginnings

The ACLU’s current war against Christianity and morality has its roots in its beginnings in 1919 when it

was founded by Unitarian socialist Roger Baldwin. Baldwin formed the ACLU at a party attended by Socialist Party leader Norman Thomas, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn (the future leader of the Communist Party, USA), and Soviet spy, Agnes Smedley.



Roger Baldwin warned his fellow ACLU members that it was important to look patriotic. He told them: “Do steer away

from making it [the ACLU] look like a socialist enterprise. We want to look like patriots in every thing we do. We want to get a lot of flags, talk a good deal about the Constitution and what our forefathers wanted to make of the country and show that we are really the folks that stand by the spirit of our institutions.”

In 1931, a congressional report of the Special House Committee to Investigate Communist Activities stated:

“The American Civil Liberties Union is closely affiliated with the communist movement in the United States, and fully 90 percent of its efforts are on behalf of communists who have come into conflict with the law. It claims to stand for free speech, free press, and free assembly; but it is quite apparent that the main function of the ACLU is to attempt to protect the communists in their advocacy of force and violence to overthrow the government, replacing the American flag by a red flag and erecting a Soviet government in place of the republican form of government guaranteed to

each state by the federal Constitution.” Ever since its beginnings, the ACLU has waged war against Christianity and America’s Judeo-Christian heritage.

Pushing Evolution In Public Schools

In the mid-1920s, the ACLU placed ads in Tennessee newspapers seeking a teacher who would be willing to challenge Tennessee’s law that prohibited the teaching of “any theory that denies the story of the Divine Creation of man as taught in the Bible.” John T. Scopes, a gym

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coach, volunteered to challenge the law as he served as a substitute teacher in a high school science class. The ACLU hired atheist lawyer Clarence Darrow to defend Scopes and fundamentalist Christian William Jennings Bryan defended the state law.

The three-day case became a media circus and an opportunity for atheists to push for the teaching of evolution in the schools—and for eventually banning the teaching of the biblical account of creation. Scopes was fined \$100 and this fine was overturned by the Tennessee Supreme Court on a technicality, but the ACLU had won a significant public relations victory.

In 2000, the ACLU touted its involvement in the Scopes trial as a “landmark case that established that evolution could be taught in the nation’s public schools. ... That debate is still raging today, and the ACLU continues to lead the battle for religious liberty and the preservation of the First Amendment.” (ACLU feature, “75 Years After Historic Scopes Trial, Religious Liberty Battles Continue,” ACLU.org.)

The current head of the ACLU is Anthony D. Romero, a homosexual who formerly served at the Ford Foundation dispensing \$90 million to leftist and homosexuals causes.

ACLU Targets Crosses And 10 Commandments

Today, the ACLU is waging war against the public display of crosses and the 10 Commandments.

In California, the ACLU threatened to sue the County of Los Angeles if it didn’t remove a small cross from the county seal. The cross is one of the smallest images on the seal. The pagan Greek goddess Pomona is the largest image, but the ACLU only targeted the removal of the cross—not the pagan goddess. A compliant liberal majority of county commissioners immediately caved to the ACLU’s demands. Angry citizens are calling for a November vote on keeping the cross on the seal.

The ACLU has also won the removal of a cross in the Mojave desert that was part of a World War I memorial to our nation’s fallen soldiers. One of the primary targets of the ACLU is the removal of the 10 Commandments from all public property. According to a report on NPR (10/10/2003), since 2000, more than 24 lawsuits have been filed against the display of the 10 Commandments and more are filed each month.

Now, the target is to remove crosses from city seals. The latest ACLU lawsuit is against Virginia Beach for a cross on its city seal. Jay Sekulow, head of the American Center for Law & Justice discussed this attempt to remove all religious symbols from public life on “The O’Reilly Factor” on June 24, 2004. Sekulow told O’Reilly, “...the ACLU is really on a vendetta of trying to remove every religious reference from any city seal, from our mottos.” *Sekulow says this is a campaign specifically targeted against Christian symbols.* He notes that in California, students are required to read the Koran in school and the ACLU has no problem with this. In New York City, public schools were forced to remove all Christian symbols of Christmas but not Jewish Menorahs or the Islamic Star and Crescent for Ramadan—and the ACLU didn’t object. Sekulow predicts that the ACLU will eventually sue cities like “Corpus Christi” to change their names because it means “Body of Christ.”

The ACLU Defends Porn, Molesters, And Gay Agenda

The ACLU claims that it defends the First Amendment’s guarantee of free speech when it defends pornography and opposes filtering systems on library computers. ACLU leader Nadine Strossen is author of *Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex, and the Fight for Women’s Rights*. In a lecture to University of Minnesota law students in 2001, she said: “My strong opposition to censoring pornography flows from my values as president of the ACLU, an activist and as a feminist. Not only does it censor free speech, it undermines women’s rights.”

The ACLU also claims it is defending freedom of speech when it defends the North American Man-Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) for its role in promoting the sexual abuse of children on its web site. The ACLU is defending this pedophile group for its part in encouraging two homosexuals to kill and later sodomize 10-year-old Jeffrey Curley in Boston in 1997. And, the ACLU’s Lesbian and Gay Rights Project lobbies for homosexual adoption, legalization of homosexual marriage, pro-homosexual recruitment programs in public schools, and sued in 2003 to force a family-friendly parade in Hawaii to include homosexuals. *With a homosexual activist leading the ACLU, it is not surprising that this organization is funding anti-Christian lawsuits and promoting the homosexual agenda. Roger Baldwin would be proud of the misguided legacy he has left behind.*