

On Eagles Wings



“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.”
Isaiah 40:31

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THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

Dear friends,

The issue of consolidating county government has become, surprisingly, a very controversial issue in the General Assembly. Initially there were a number of bills introduced that dealt with one phase or other in the process of altering our form of county government, some of which would take a state constitutional amendment to complete. Many of the bills died in committee, but some are ready for a vote in the original house, or are on their way to the opposite legislative body for consideration. There are bills that have been amended, and one in particular was defeated. This caused an unusual public rebuke of two State legislators by the Governor, and an “over the top” negative reaction by a radio talk show host who usually has a conservative viewpoint, but is wrong on this one. Perhaps their behavior stems from a lack of understanding. There are logical facts and arguments by legislators and citizens alike against many of the changes to our Indiana form of government that are reflected in these bills. The media have not reported these facts and arguments. Instead they take the low road and explain it away as a case of legislators not wanting to vote against their buddies or relatives back home that hold elected positions, or work in local government offices. This is an insult.

Due to the confusion on this issue, we have included an article to explain the other side. See page four entitled, “*Consolidation versus Small Government.*”

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Why did 18-to-29-year-old evangelicals vote for Barack Obama despite his apostasy on the fundamental moral issues of abortion and same-sex unions? They voted 32 percent for Obama, twice the percentage of that demographic group who voted for John Kerry in 2004. Many of these young people identify “social justice” as the reason that led them to relegate the prime moral issues of life and marriage to the back burner. But the term “social justice” does not define a moral cause; it is leftwing jargon to overturn those who have economic and political power.

What caused young evangelicals, the children of the so-called “religious right,” to change their moral imperatives so dramatically? Most likely it’s the attitudes and decision-making they learned in the public schools, which 89 percent of U.S. students attend.

The public schools took a major left turn in the 1960s when Humanist John Dewey and the teachers he trained at Columbia Teachers College began their put-down of objective truth and authoritative notions of good and evil. In the 1970s, Sidney Simon’s best-seller “Values Clarification” taught students to cast off their parents’ values and make their own choices, often aided by Kinsey-trained sexperts determined to change our sexual mores.

By the 1980s, many radical anti-war activists of the 1960s had become tenured college professors, so teachers colleges and public schools opened their doors to “social justice” teaching. Among these ‘60s radicals was Weather Undergrounder William Ayers, who escaped prosecution only because of government misconduct in collecting evidence against him, and then emerged as a Professor of Education at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Ayers developed quite a following as he taught resentment against America. In 2008 he was elected by his peers as vice president for curriculum studies of the American Education Research Association, the nation’s largest organization of education professors and researchers.

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Videos Reveal Abortion Clinics Violate State Laws

Earlier this year two videos taken inside Indiana Planned Parenthood abortion clinics were released to the public. One was taken inside the clinic in Bloomington, and the other at the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic on the north side of Indianapolis.

UCLA student Lila Rose, acting under cover, pretended to be a 13-year old girl who had sexual relations with a 31 year old man, and did not want her parents to know. Employees of Planned Parenthood dismissed the information about the age of the man because it constitutes statutory rape, which is required by law to be reported to state officials. The video also revealed a staff member showing Lila Rose how to get to Illinois to undergo an abortion, again bypassing another Indiana law, which requires parental notice prior to a minor receiving an abortion.

After the second video was released, State Representative Jackie Walorski sent a letter to the Attorney General calling for a full investigation.

"As you know," the letter read, in part, "other Planned Parenthood employees have been caught on tape violating state laws involving minors. I believe this most recent video ...shows egregious disregard for our laws. ...I am requesting that you suspend all funding and freeze all appropriations set aside for Planned Parenthood of Indiana and its clinics."

At this time the Attorney General and the Marion County Prosecutor have launched an investigation into the matter.


In a similar story, *LifeNews.com* reported that a new video recently surfaced at a Planned Parenthood in Tucson, Arizona, displaying staff members hiding pertinent

facts from the law in the same fashion as revealed in the two Indiana videos. In the new video Jackie, a friend of Lila Rose, poses as a 15-year old, pregnant by her boyfriend, 27. Once again, the staff member dismisses the information about his age and warns Jackie not to bring her boyfriend to court for the judicial hearing required in Arizona to waive parental consent for an abortion.

Rose told *LifeNews*: "These videos demonstrate that Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, is entrenched in an organization-wide policy of circumventing state law and covering up the sexual abuse of young girls."

Rose, President of her group *Live Action Advocates*, is concerned that state officials in Arizona will not follow up appropriately to the information on the video because Arizona Attorney General Goddard was scheduled to give the keynote address at a Planned Parenthood sponsored event.

The current video can be viewed on live Action's website: www.liveaction.org/monalisa/tucson

Indiana Right to Life reports that a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Indianapolis received a reprimand from Dr. Monroe, the State Health Commissioner, for submitting 278 improperly filed Terminated Pregnancy Reports to the State Health Department in 2007. Indiana law outlines the requirements for reporting abortions, such as the type of procedure used in the abortion, the gestational age of the baby, the name of the person completing the report, and the age of the female receiving the abortion. Failure to report is a Class B misdemeanor. The reports in question are to be referred to the Marion County Prosecutor, Carl Brizzi. 



Courageous & Gracious - Even on a Gurney - Tribute to Phyllis Schlafly

By California Eagle Forum

Press Release, Berkeley, CA, Feb. 25:

Shocked Berkeley students and adults, Tuesday evening, February, 24, witnessed the legendary Phyllis Schlafly fall as she was leaving the stage after delivering a well received and motivating speech about "Conservatism vs Feminism." Through the pain of a fractured hip, the 84 year old Mrs. Schlafly was as courageous and gracious waiting for medical assistance as she has been throughout her 40 years as a political activist.

Mrs. Schlafly is an icon of conservative values, possibly best known for her successful leadership defeating the controversial Equal Rights Amendment. Through the years, she has continued to inform and energize people to honor our Constitution and embrace the excellent values of our forefathers. During her ten years of fighting the ERA, she successfully united conservatives from all religions behind her, thus starting the pro-family, pro-life movement.

Among the 150 who heard her well-delivered talk, were also students who disagreed with her conservative opinions. But even they asked their questions with courtesy and respect. Schlafly's wise and witty answers often brought laughter and applause from the audience and caused the students to realize there are two sides to every issue, and each deserves to be heard and considered.

There are few people able to maintain the schedule this attractive 84 year old woman has maintained throughout her life. Her positive, conservative perspective has been a role model to all women. Phyllis worked her own way through

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In 1983, *Humanist Magazine* featured an article that boasted: "The battle for mankind's future must be waged and won in the public school classroom." William Ayers put it this way: "Education is the motor-force of revolution." Ayers became a leading advocate of "social justice" teaching, *i.e.*, getting students to believe that they are victims of an unjust, oppressive and racist America. Community organizers can then use these young people to vote and otherwise to carry out Ayers' "revolution."

Ayers has been on a decades-long mission to transform education into anti-American indoctrination and to get young people to demand government control of the economy, politics and culture. We see the result in the 2008 post-election surveys: seven out of every ten voters between the ages of 18 and 29 now favor expanding the role of government, and agree that the government should do more to solve the nation's problems. It's obvious which party and which candidates will get their vote.

Ayers worked closely with Barack Obama in the 1990s when Obama headed the Chicago Annenberg Challenge, which gave \$160 million in grants to so-called school-reform projects. Ayers and Obama guided some of this Annenberg money to community organizers such as ACORN.

The National Association of Scholars reports that use of the term "social justice" is today understood to mean "the advocacy of more egalitarian access to income through state-sponsored redistribution." That is academic verbiage for Barack Obama's assertion that he wants to "spread the wealth around."

"Rethinking Schools" is a Milwaukee-based organization that publishes instructional materials to assist

teachers how to "weave social justice issues throughout the curriculum." Lessons include "Rethinking Mathematics: Teaching Social Justice by the Numbers" and "Reading, Writing, and Rising Up: Teaching About Social Justice and the Power of the Written Word."

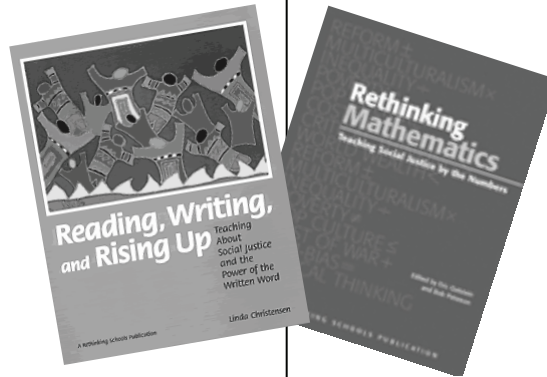
Howard Zinn, author of the anti-American "People's History of the United States," urges educators to prioritize "social justice" education over political neutrality. In a 1998 interview, he said "quiet revolution" to move us toward "democratic socialism" was his goal in writing "People's History."

The thinking of teachers is further molded at expensive conferences, financed by billing the taxpayers. The National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) sponsors seminars with titles such as "Our Work as Social Justice Educators," "Teaching for Social Justice in Elementary Schools," "Dismantling

White Privilege and Supporting Anti-Racist Education in our Classrooms and Schools," and "Creating Change Agents Who Teach for Social Justice."

This "social justice" curriculum results in a heavy cost in time not spent on the basics. Young Americans who are exposed to Ayers' radical leftwing ideas generally have little background information to help them evaluate bias and errors.

Barack Obama's selection for Secretary of Education is his crony Arne Duncan, who most recently made news by recommending the creation of a Chicago Social Justice High School-Pride Campus, where half the students would be homosexuals and the other half straight. Somehow that school was canceled just about the time that Obama announced Duncan's appointment. ☞



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college, and had a night job of testing ammunition at a factory during the 2nd World War. She holds a degree in political science from Harvard and a law degree from Washington University in St. Louis. She married an attorney, raised six children, became actively involved in national politics, founded and is National President of Eagle Forum, is a syndicated columnist, author of 20 books, and writes the monthly Phyllis Schlafly Report and Education Reporter.

The audience applauded throughout her message, appreciating statements such as "Feminists today have an identity crisis. They don't have any happy role models." She warned the students to not catch it - it's like a disease. It is the way that you react to what is going on around you in life that is most important." But possibly what had the most impact on those who attended, was watching the dignity and grace of Mrs. Schlafly, who, reacting to what was going on in her life at the moment - extreme pain - continued to reflect the strength and character she had just urged the students to embrace. With no crying, no tears, she waved good bye with her customary beautiful smile as she was taken away by the paramedics. ☞

☞ As a result of the fall, Phyllis Schlafly had successful hip surgery and will be hospitalized for about three weeks before getting permission to fly back to St. Louis. Greeting cards may be sent to her at P.O. Box 618 Alton, Illinois 62002. No flowers please. Please hold her in your prayers as she heals. ☞

Consolidation versus Small Government

by William Schneider

Ever notice that when consolidation is introduced and discussed how the political parties react? If Democrats introduce it, Republicans are against it and if the Republicans introduce it, Democrats are against it... If consolidation is good, it should make *taxpayers* happy.

When "consolidation" or "eliminating an office" is mentioned, nearly everyone goes into the smaller government mode. Knowing that I am a small government advocate, many people can't understand why I would not be for it.


Consolidation as debated in the General Assembly centers on transferring assignments and work load, and centralizes power into one or more officials' hands. This is correctly called transferring power, not smaller government. It does not reduce taxes. Repeat, it does not make government smaller. It does the opposite. If any legislation eliminates government's role in our lives, cuts government programs, or eliminates departments without transferring duties, then that's music to a real conservative's ears because it reduces the role of government.

Very seldom does consolidation occur to help the public, voters, or the taxpayer. If so, such a move would reduce their taxes, even if only a little bit. It usually benefits the appointed office holder because it broadens his power "to get things done". At the same time, the voters and taxpayers give up a special right—the right to vote for the officials who set their tax rates, budgets, and make decisions to broaden or decrease certain legitimate government functions. This eliminates direct accountability to the taxpayers. If consolidation occurs, someone needs to appoint those you used to elect. In this day and age when everyone demands transparency and accountability from our elected officials, consolidation strips that away, and eliminates discussion and debate.

Consolidation does not lessen the number of people that need services, and it does not eliminate the need to follow the same laws in most cases. When asked for figures to show savings of cost of government, consolidation proponents seldom produce.

Consolidation takes us in the opposite direction of smaller government unless it eliminates programs, government employees, and lets the public elect the greatest number of office holders. The Constitution, both State and Federal, gives us great protection, checks and balances. Let's not do away with our only system of protection. Consolidation is nothing new. It was first proposed in the early 1950's by the Indianapolis News. There are shelves in the State House and City County Building stuffed full of study after study on this subject.

Small government occurs when government actually gets smaller, not when duties shift within government.

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