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Our Founders' Wisdom

We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. ~ John Adams, Address to the Military, 1798

Committees to Hear Troubling Bills This Week - Act Now!

If you have been watching our [Targeted Bills](#) list for California (and we hope you have!), you know that several measure of great concern will be heard this week:

SB 48 requires social science classes in public schools, from Kindergarten through twelfth grade, to include "the role and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans" and will be heard by the Assembly Education Committee on June 22. The bill also prohibits any school activities or curriculum that "promote a discriminatory bias" against these behaviors, and textbooks or instruction material may not "reflect adversely" on persons based on their sexual orientation. SB 48 contains no opt-out provision, so parents will not be given the opportunity to exclude their children from the discussion of alternative sexual behaviors in the classroom.

Action: In our [May 27 alert](#), we asked you to write the committee and request the members to oppose SB 48. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to use our [sample letter](#) and [talking points](#) to compose your letter, faxing it to the committee right away: The Honorable Julia Brownley, Assembly Education Comm., State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814; fax (916) 319-2187.

If your assemblymember is part of [this committee](#), please call and ask him or her to oppose SB 48. Find your assemblymember [here](#).

SB 747 requires professionals in medicine and psychology (physicians and surgeons, registered nurses, certified vocational nurses, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, licensed clinical social workers, and psychiatric technicians) to complete at least one course "that provides instruction on cultural competency, sensitivity, and best practices for providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons." The applicable licensing boards will enforce the requirements. SB 747 is opposed by the California Psychological Association, which indicates that this information is already being taught in various courses, and the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, which indicates any such competency requirements would be more appropriate in a graduate degree program.

Action: SB 747 will be heard by the Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee on June 21. If your assemblymember is part of [this committee](#), please call him or her and indicate that this bill is unnecessary and should be opposed. Find your assemblymember [here](#).

AB 131 lowers the eligibility requirements for students in the country illegally to benefit from resident tuition rates at California community colleges, California State Universities and, if agreed to by the regents, the University of California. AB 131 also allows illegal alien students to apply for and participate in all taxpayer-funded state financial aid programs. Such students will also be eligible for Cal Grants, but only if funds remain available after non-alien students have first received grants.

Action: AB 131 will be heard in the [Senate Education Comm.](#) on June 22. If your state senator is part of [this committee](#), please call and ask him or her to oppose AB 131. Find your state senator [here](#).





Poll Finds Strong Majority Favor True Marriage

Don't believe what the mainstream media is spinning. Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) has released the results of a comprehensive nationwide survey about marriage they sponsored in May. Public Opinion Strategies found that 62 percent of Americans agreed with the statement (exact wording), "I believe marriage should be defined ONLY as a union between one man and one woman."

ADF Senior Counsel Brian Raum said, "Americans recognize that marriage provides a strong foundation for a thriving society. The union between husband and wife benefits society – especially children – in unique ways that cannot be duplicated by any other relationship. Throughout history, diverse cultures and faiths have recognized this universally defined ideal as the best way to promote healthy, natural families for the good of future generations."

Help Promote Fiscal Responsibility

Concerned Women for America is supporting the "Cut, Cap, Balance" plan to oppose raising the debt ceiling unless there are substantial spending cuts, enforceable spending caps, and a Balanced Budget Amendment. Please go [here](#) to find out more about this program. Sign the pledge [here](#) and then follow through by contacting your member of Congress and our two Senators.

See a complete list of all our targeted California legislation [here](#)



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