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-We support high academic standards.

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-We believe in an open, fair and small student government. .

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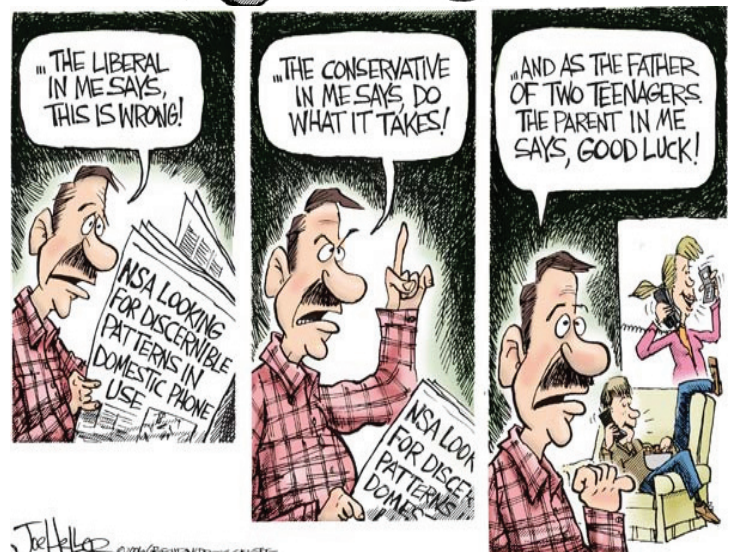
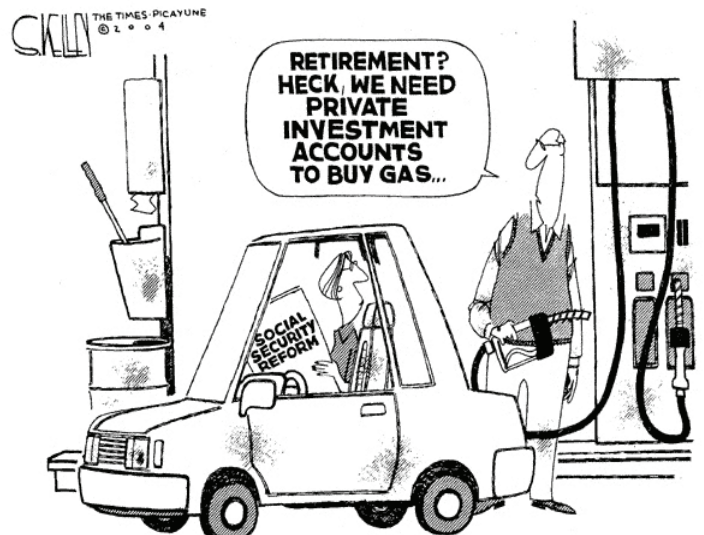
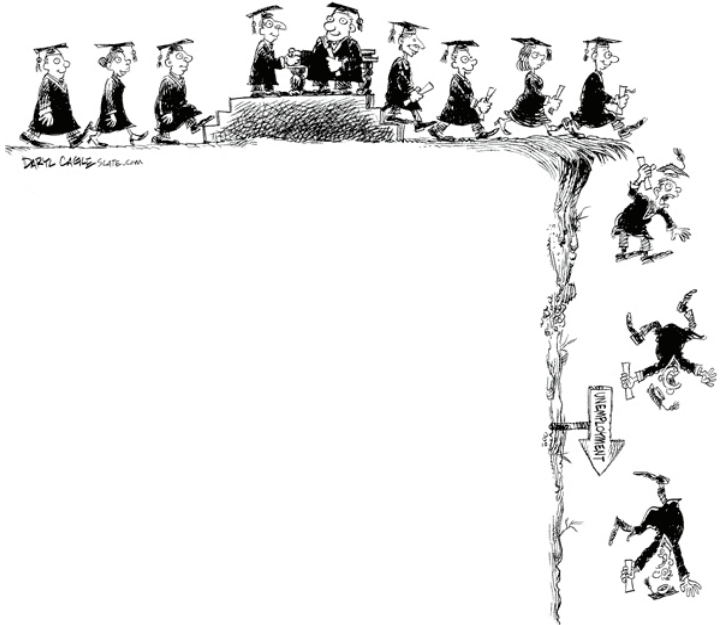
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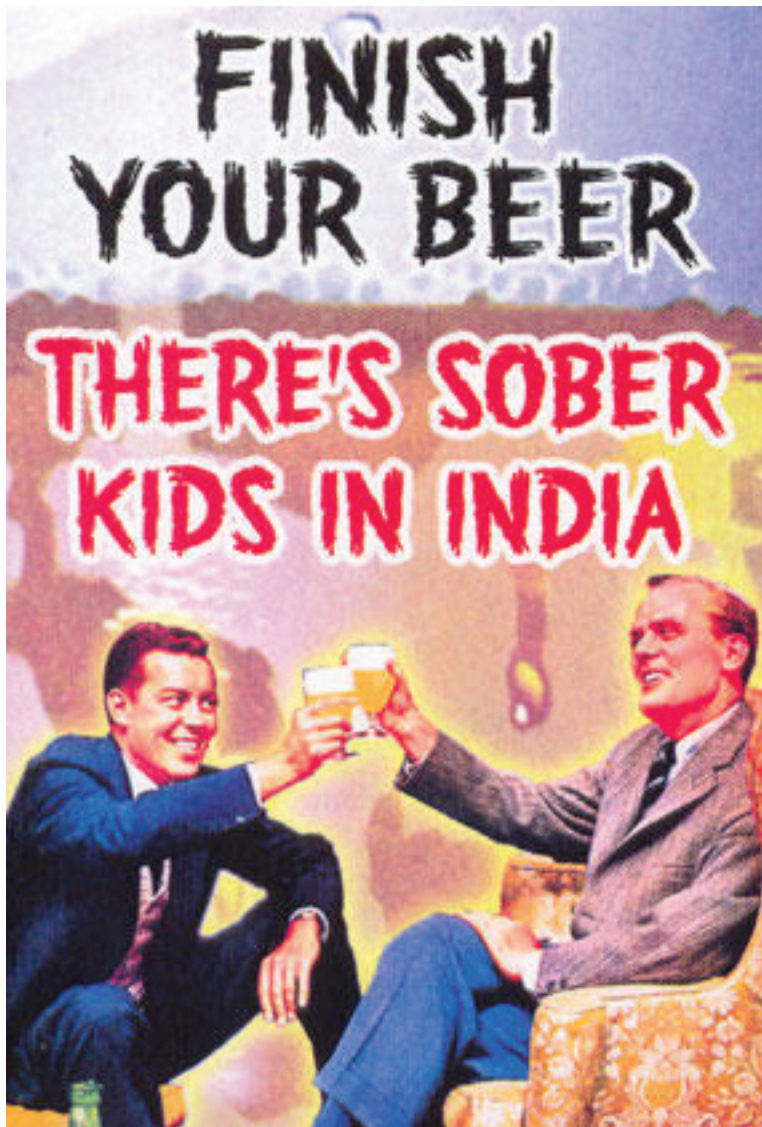


# Parenthesis

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## Exploding Cell Phones?

Brazil is facing some issues in relation to the use of cell phones. In the past two months, at least five cell phones have exploded in Brazil resulting in nationwide anxiety in those utilizing the devices. Each of the incidents occurred as a result of utilizing a Motorola phone; an investigation is currently being conducted. No deaths have resulted from the explosions, but victims have suffered severe burns.

## Hotel Rates Based on Weight

In Berlin, hotel guests are charged based on their weight. Juergen Heckrodt charges visitors \$.64 for every kilogram that they weigh to stay at his hotel. As allegations that Heckrodt is discriminating against fat people begin to surface, he makes the point that his rates are in line with other hotels in the area. Further, he does not force people onto a scale and simply charges those that refuse a flat rate of \$94. He also provides a maximum rate that may be charged regardless of the reading on the scale.

## How the British Clean their Teeth

Apparently, the citizens of Britain have never heard the advertising campaign "When you can't brush, chew on this." A recent study showed that over sixty percent of British citizens use things such as earrings, screwdrivers, knives, keys and scissors to remove material from their teeth. 23 percent of those surveyed stated that they did not attempt to remove particles that became stuck in their teeth. I wonder if they know that this increases the risk of gum disease and results in bad breath.

## Apes and Red Wine

Apparently apes have an acquired taste for wine. Eleven apes joined forces to consume 55 liters of wine in the Budapest Zoo the past year. Happy apes are going bananas.

### **She Walks**

Laura Lee Medley, who has filed repeat complaints and lawsuits over disability access issues, stood up and ran from police in Los Angeles. Medley who claimed that she had been paralyzed in a car accident, had filed four complaints in the past year. When suspected of fraud, she was ordered to undergo a thorough investigation by a doctor. While in the waiting room, Medley apparently thought better than to go through with her story and got up and began to run. She was quickly apprehended by police and now faces charges including filing false documents, attempted grand theft, and insurance fraud.

### **Jolie's Child: a National Holiday in Nambia?**

Which team are you on? Jolie or Aniston? The vote continues to be split as half of a radio station's audience in Langstrand, Nambia stated that they believe that the day Jolie gives birth to her child should be declared a national holiday. As Jolie and Pitt arrived in Nambia to give birth to their child, the natives were not phased- the international media however was in a flurry as the idea to create the holiday (which is traditionally reserved for royalty) was thrown into the mix.

### **Madonna's Mock Crucifixion**

Madonna's statement, "I don't think Jesus would be mad at me and the message I'm trying to send" is horribly misinformed. Claiming that the mock crucifixion, which is a part of her production aimed at getting people to donate to Aids foundations, is in no way offensive to God or the church. Just a note: making a mockery of the crucifixion and turning the death of Christi into a show IS offensive and disrespectful.

### **How Much Does Your Gas Cost?**

We have all been thinking it, but now it has been said. A Los Angeles gas station made a statement this past week posting the price of regular gas as "an arm" and the price of premium as "your first born."

## **In Your Backyard**

### **Ridiculous Lawsuits**

Lawsuits are getting ridiculous. Mark Greenup, a resident of Portland, Oregon, is suing his neighbor for running over his cocker spaniel. He claims that the animal provided the love and affection of another spouse in his family thus entitling him to \$1.6 million in a "loss of companionship" claim.

### **Commencement Speaker Controversy**

On May 24th students calling themselves the "Student Immigrant Solidarity Coalition" mobilized between Smith and Cramer. They were trying to get students to call President Bernstein and U.S. House Representative Peter DeFazio's offices to condemn DeFazio's upcoming presence at PSU as commencement speaker, and to pressure him to change his stance on the House Immigration reform bill. While their first demand was a new speaker President Bernstein pretty much vetoed that option in a meeting in early May. Now they want DeFazio to switch his vote. Once again, another example of the left's close mindedness. Must everything think just like them? We mustn't forget DeFazio's contributions to PSU and higher education, and the reasons he was asked to speak in the first place. Only time will tell if graduation will bring more protesting. My question is when will we get a commencement speaker conservatives can actually identify with? Now that's something to rally about.

### **A New School Logo?**



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Information derived from various state and national newspapers



## The VALUE of the HOUSEWIFE

If there is one individual in society that receives far less credit than they deserve, it is a housewife. Making a career of staying at home and taking care of the home and children has become, in many instances, a thing of the past and is continually overlooked as well as looked down upon when credit is given to professions. Why is it that mainstream society fails to give credit to the housewife? It is a job that is as challenging and rigorous as any conventional profession; the only difference is that a mother is a mother 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There is no Christmas vacation, holiday pay, or weekends, it is your life. When you are a housewife you are employed with every breath you take morning noon and night.

What specifically embodies the job description of a housewife? First and foremost, she is a mother. Every waking moment she spends tending to the needs of her children and ensuring that they are safe, growing, and actively learning. As a mother, she fills the shoes of a nanny or a schoolteacher. In today's economy, childcare fees begin at \$7.25 per hour resulting in savings of about \$360 per week. Along with saving on basic childcare costs, families are instilling morals and values that may slip through the cracks in a childcare environment. Further, it provides consistency which will result in fewer behavioral problems later in life and has the potential to save money as a result of having well behaved children.

Household work is another task the housewife takes on. She cleans the house from floor to ceiling and makes sure that it is presentable for the rest of her family. To hire a maid, you

are looking at a minimum of \$15 per hour. To clean a home that is considered middle income, it may take upwards of ten hours throughout the week, and the number only grows as more animals and children are added to the mix. Housewives completing these tasks can save a family upwards of \$150 per week.

Food is the third task that housewives regularly receive praise for. It is a cliché in this country for a man to come home to a home cooked meal at six when he gets off of work, but this cliché may hold more validity than it is given credit for. If a housewife stays home and prepares three meals a day, the family will save enormous amounts of money. Shopping trips for a family of four cost around \$200 weekly, but this amount pales when compared to the amount saved on meals. If you figure a family of four would spend a minimum of \$50 each night as a result of eating out and would save another \$50 for the other two meals consumed, you are looking at savings of a minimum of \$500 per week. Further, families will have food at home to snack on. These snacks cost money as well and are additional costs associated with families who do not prepare their own meals, because the tendency to snack is so much greater. Health factors in to this as well. Home cooked meals, generally speaking, are far healthier than food eaten out. As weight becomes a pressing issue in society, watching what each family consumes is becoming far more important.

These are just three of the endless tasks that a housewife is in charge of. Channel 8 recently did a segment on the value of a housewife, and their

calculations showed that a woman who makes the decision to stay at home would receive a salary of over \$120,000 per year if she was paid for everything that she did. This salary is far greater than the majority of individuals having degrees will ever have the luxury to enjoy.

Looking beyond the borders of our country, statistics have shown that if the tasks performed by a housewife were included in the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of Canada, the number would rise by 34 percent when utilizing the servant method, 43 percent when calculating with the specialist-replacement method, and a 54 percent increase when the opportunity cost method is used. Looking at Nepal, the GDP would increase by a massive 170 percent.

It is clear that a housewife provides considerable savings to her family, but she does far more than keep money in the bank. A housewife keeps a family together. She raises the children with guidelines of appropriate behavior, she ensures that the needs of her husband are met, and she keeps everything in order. She provides nurture for her children and partnership for her husband. A housewife does far more than we give her credit for. It is time that we as a society began to appreciate a woman who gives her life for the service of her family. As our society slips further and further away from the foundation that it was built upon, we should look at the depletion of structures such as that in the household, and we should recognize the importance of women such as these who give their lives for the improvement of their families.

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

## *What We Think You Shouldn't Miss on Campus*

### Freedom Fest

Students at Portland State University will gather together in the Park Blocks Thursday, June 8 from 11 to 4 to celebrate freedom. Student groups from all areas of campus will join local public and private businesses to make a statement that we are thankful for the freedoms granted to us by this great nation. Activities will include:

- \*Beer Garden (\$1 Beers)
- \*Rock Climbing Wall
- \*Hookahs
- \*Dunk Tank
- \*Music
- \*Belly Dancers
- \*Food

### Roots Festival

The Roots Festival will be kicked off as ASPSU joins forces with various PSU Multicultural groups in the Celebration of Diversity. The festival will be held June 2 in the Park Blocks and will highlight not only diversity of race, but all types, forms, and definitions of diversity.

### Summer Session

Portland State never rests. Summer courses will resume on campus June 26. Students have the options of taking classes that extend through the entire summer or that last for four intensive weeks. Looking to get ahead in the credit count? Summer session will allow you to do just that. Registration is open and it is not too late to grab a seat in most summer courses.

### PSU Book Sale

Just because the sun is out does not mean that you have an excuse to not read. PSU's Library will be holding a book sale June 1 - 4. Stop by and stock up on summer reading and plan on spending anywhere between twenty-five cents and one dollar.

### PSU College Republicans

Yes, Portland State does have its own chapter of College Republicans...three hundred and counting. Join other conservative students, such as yourself, to discuss what is happening politically in the world as well as the events that impact your campus. It is a great way to meet other students on campus and understand that there are far more conservatives at PSU than you may realize.

### Want to Write for the Spectator?

We are always looking for new ideas and new writers, so if you are interested stop by our office or e-mail us at [portlandspectator@gmail.com](mailto:portlandspectator@gmail.com)



# 25 Thoughts of an Unabashed Conservative

Thoughts by Marian Paul

1. I believe that the Democratic Party is the party of sedition and treason.

2. I believe that Ronald Reagan was the greatest President of the 20th century and along with Washington and Lincoln, one of the three greatest Presidents in this nation's history.

3. I believe that the Second Amendment is the only thing that makes the First Amendment possible.

4. I believe that we are winning the war against Islamofascism, but you would not know it if you paid attention to the Lame Stream Media.

5. I believe that the US should not care what Europe or the rest of the world thinks about us.

6. I believe that the more intelligent a person is, the greater the envy of the stupid and the second raters is. Just ask Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

7. I believe that there is nothing like a really good hamburger.

8. I believe IN THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF FREEDOM.

9. I believe that if the United States *does not* get control of its borders, *then the United States is finished.*

10. I believe in the United States Armed Forces.

11. I believe that Battlestar Galactica and 24 are the best shows on television.

12. I believe that next to the Bible, The Lord of the Rings and Atlas Shrugs are the greatest books ever written.

13. I believe that now that I am getting ready to finally graduate, I have never been more scared in my life.

14. I believe that there are a lot of stupid and foolish people out there and that it is getting harder and harder, as I get older, to have to put up with them.

15. I believe that illegal aliens need us more than we need them.

16. I believe the world would be a whole lot better off without Hugo Chavez, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Kim Jong-Il, Muammar Gaddafi, Vladimir Putin and Fidel Castro.

17. I believe that some in the immigration debate want to make illegal immigrants the new underclass that they will be able to exploit with no problems.



18. I believe the idea that there are some jobs that Americans just won't do is patently absurd and is an insult to every hard working American.

19. I believe THAT THE BEST WAY TO WIN WARS IS TO KILL THE ENEMY WHEREVER THEY ARE BEFORE THEY CAN KILL US.

20. I believe that Cindy Sheehan's fifteen minutes has been over for a very long time.



21. I believe that the federal government should have the right to listen to terrorist's phone calls and that those who complain about it don't really care about the United States.



22. I believe that many members of the Democratic Party would love to see the United States defeated and care more for our enemies than they do for their fellow citizens.

23. I believe that the Democratic Party does not care about illegal aliens only as far as they can make them victims.

24. I believe that the United States is the greatest country on the planet and all other countries are envious of us and wish to see us fall, therefore all other countries on this planet are ultimately our enemies.

25. I believe THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES are the kindest, most caring people on the planet, to a fault, and will go out of our way to help others, even if they do not need it.



# *WHY Illegal Immigrants are Terrorists*

by Cameron Turner

Illegal aliens have taken part in almost every major terrorist attack on American soil. Al Qaeda-linked Islamic extremists enter the U.S. aboard commercial cargo vessels at ports in California, Florida, New York and Georgia. Our 4,000 mile border with Canada is patrolled by less than 400 Border Patrol Agents. And the situation with the U.S.- Mexico border is even worse. When we confront the issue of illegal immigration, it must be understood, most importantly, as an issue of national security.

Of course other issues are a necessary part of the debate. Many American industries rely on the cheap labor provided by illegal immigrants. At the same time illegals establish lives here, forge relationships in their communities, and often have children who are legal citizens. They have healthcare needs and crowd an already overburdened system of government services they do not contribute to. Illegal immigration is one of the most multi-sided issues facing American society today. And people base their opinions on the side of the issue that is most important to them. But the purpose of this article is to show that the most important

standard, the measure by which this issue should be judged is the security of the American people.

Illegal immigration affects no other issue more seriously and in so many ways than national security. At the same time, our culture of political correctness stifles our most creative and effective solutions to the issue. We are stuck. On the one hand, we

cannot adequately control the flow of people across our borders. On the other, when we try we meet a wall of politically motivated opposition. Despite their myriad arguments, opponents of immigration reform struggle to face the following facts:

\*All but one of the 9/11 hijackers were illegal immigrants themselves or used other illegal immigrants to





obtain fraudulent U.S. identification.

\*At least two of the terrorists who plotted the failed LAX millennium bombing illegally entered the United States aboard Algerian ships.

\*As Michelle Malkin explains: "Bin Laden operatives can pay cheap prices for escorts, join global smuggling rings...or ride the rails from Mexico along with hundreds of thousands of other 'undocumented workers.'"

\*94% of aliens from terrorist-supporting countries who were released from immigration detention were never found again, and were never deported.

\*More than half of the 48 Islamic radicals involved in terror plots over the last ten years were themselves illegals or used other illegals as resources.

If any of these facts seem too national or distant, backyard stories aren't hard to find:

\*On December 19, 2001 Bellingham, Washington detectives were called to a domestic dispute where Border Patrol was called for assistance. Illegal aliens, Malvo, his mother, and Mohammed were apprehended and later released pending deportation. As you well know, Malvo and Mohammed later became the infamous D.C. snipers who killed ten innocent people.

\*Illegal immigrant Victor Manuel Batres Martinez was convicted recently for brutally raping two nuns who were praying in Klamath Falls and then strangled one of the nuns with her rosary beads. Just before his crime he was arrested on drug charges in Portland but was released. There are countless other stories and facts but the point

is that the safety of people precedes their ability to access education, healthcare, or to provide for their families. Illegal immigration is a serious problem that constantly threatens our security. No matter where a person stands on the issue, whether they support or oppose amnesty for illegal aliens, whether they want to restrict or loosen immigration laws, any sane person looking at the simple facts must acknowledge the need for immigration reform.

How much longer will confused multiculturalists continue to endanger us? Not much longer hopefully. Both immigration reform bills in the House and the Senate promise substantial and lasting change for the better in terms of national security. The protests? Whatever. Everyone just forgets about those things anyway. Radicals think that because they can 'organize' (yeah, that's what they call it) in the streets and grossly exaggerate their numbers, the American people will somehow forget that illegal immigration and terrorism are inextricably linked. How can we say at the beginning of this article that "illegal immigrants are terrorists?" Because it is written in history. The thousands of people killed by illegal aliens serve as a reminder of it. True, many crimes are committed everyday by legal Americans but that doesn't justify why we should stand by and watch illegals add to the total? Yes they are often hard workers. Yes they contribute to our society in a variety of ways. But yes, they can be terrorists.

## BEFORE amnesty for illegals.



## AFTER...



# Missing Senators?

Submitted by Evan Dent

I recently saw shocking posters that said Senators Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden were "Missing." I began to wonder if the Secret Service or FBI was on the case, but as I read the rest of the poster I realized finding our senators was going to take something much more powerful than a search party.

The Senators are not missing in the physical sense of the word; rather, they are missing politically in relation to the issue of Social Security reform.

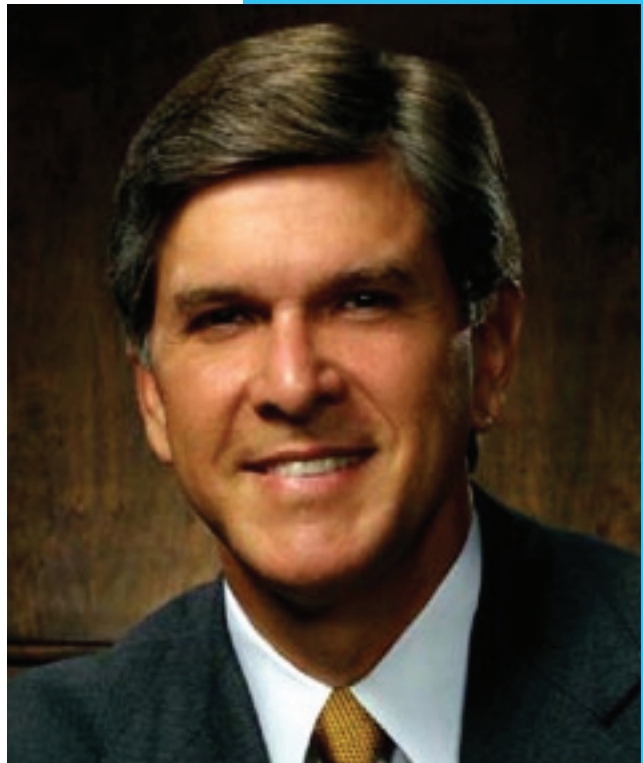
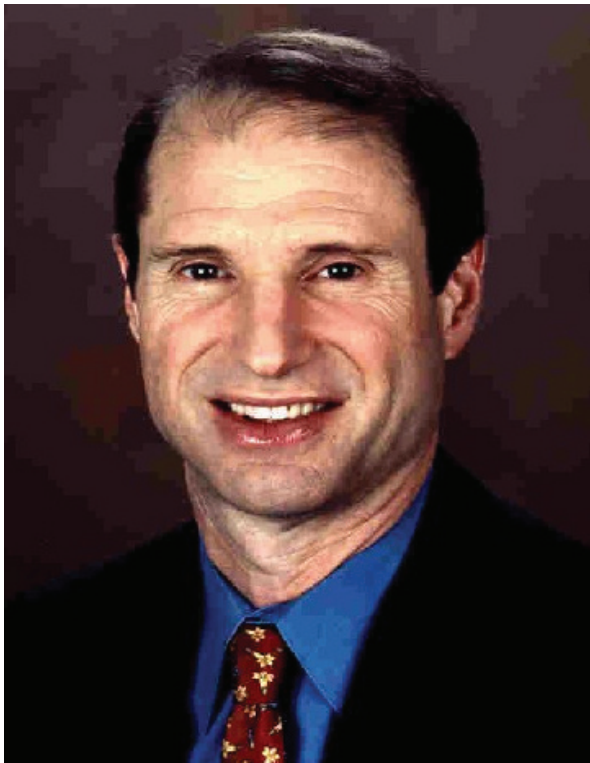
Turns out, back in March the Senate voted on a resolution that would have "stopped the raid" by preventing politicians from spending the money in the Social Security trust fund on pork

barrel projects. Given that the current system is a mess and will begin running deficits in 2017, this resolution was a critical way for the Senate to show it did not have its head in the sand for once and was serious about reform. But Senators Smith and Wyden voted against it.

Why would two politicians who both serve on the Senate Finance Committee cast such a financially unsound vote? There really is no good answer, and this vote proves that finding our missing Senators is going to be a difficult task.

Students for Saving Social Security (S4), a national grassroots organization who started the missing poster campaign to shed light on our Sena-

tors inaction when it comes to reform represents the interests of our generation. They say nothing should be changed that would affect our parents and grandparents but something must be done to ensure WE get some social security benefits too! Clearly Smith and Wyden cannot be trusted to cast a "yea" vote on issues so clearly in the interest of college students like ourselves. Groups like S4 will help us keep constant pressure on them to get them to reform Social Security because if we fail to act today, Smith and Wyden will not be the only things that are missing, our future retirement security will be gone too.



# CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

These bloopers are a compilation of real-life church bulletins circulated on Sunday mornings. We are not sure exactly how some of these errors were made, but we thought you would appreciate them.

1. "Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help."
2. "Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community."
3. Thursday evening there will be a meeting of the 'Young Mother's Club.' All those wishing to become 'Young Mothers,' please come early and meet Reverend Jones in his office."
4. "At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be: What is hell? Come early and listen to the choir practice."
5. Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk, please come early."
6. On Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the expenses of a new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the carpet, please get a piece of paper."





# ETHICAL ISSUES PERTAINING To VOTING

by Crystal Joele Rea

One of America's most endearing and important rights is the freedom to vote. We have the ability and the luxury to choose how and who is a part of government. Given this luxury it is an egregious violation of rights to leave votes on the table uncast. Regardless of political party, it is my firm belief that we as eligible citizens have a civic duty to cast a ballot in each and every election, and to refrain from complaining about the current state of government if we are incapable of completing this simple task.

May 16th brought the first set of elections in 2006. Rather than the Republican/Democrat match-ups that one generally thinks of when elections are analyzed, this round featured Republicans challenging Republicans and Democrats challenging Democrats in primary elections. One would assume, to a fault apparently, that regardless of the outcomes of this election, a worthy candidate would emerge from each side; this year I do not believe this to be the case.

The Republican Party featured three candidates in the governor race this spring. Begin with campaigning and fast forward to election nights, the candidates fought one another for the ability to represent conservative voters. Election results favored Saxton and his challengers, Kevin Mannix and Jason Atkinson, graciously bowed out while vowing to get behind Saxton in order to supplant Ted Kulongoski.

Giving his concession speech, Mannix told supporters and voters alike to stand behind Saxton. A respectful exit by Mannix got me to thinking about the new Republican candidate. Respectful or not, I think Mannix might be wrong, at least in my case. The bottom line is that I do not support Saxton. True, he may be the candidate of my registered party, but he is not my candidate.

Saxton is like Kerry, he flip flops. His mantra seems to be: "What ever it takes". In fact, it might as well be his campaign slogan. Finding stances that he is truly firm on (besides PERS) are approaching impossible. Last time around in the Republican primary where Saxton took last place he did it riding a very moderate political horse. This time however, he was all of the sudden Rush Limbaugh. I mean really who is this guy, what does he stand

for...anything would be nice. I can tell you that he is a Democrat masquerading as a Republican. What is more, Saxton presents himself as a "non-politician" saying, "If you like the current state of government there are plenty of career politicians to vote for but I am different." The only reason he can make that claim is because he lost all the other races and thus has no political career.

As a leader, I do not believe Saxton has the backbone to take a firm stance that is definitely needed in the Governor's office.

I am convinced that the only reason Saxton won this primary election is because the majority of voters did not have the chance to meet him in person. I did and I was not impressed. In fact, he is as exciting as watching paint dry. Why did he win then you might ask? I believe he won because the advertising campaign of Mannix was negative and voters tire so quickly to negative campaigning, especially in Republican primaries. Furthermore, he won because his campaign out-raised the other candidates by a wide margin.

So, where do I go from here? Is it Saxton for governor or Saxton for governor! Neither, my decision is in part based on the last primary where Mannix was victorious over Saxton. Rather than get behind Mannix and support Kevin's campaign, Saxton refused to have any part in the push for a conservative candidate into office. If Saxton refuses to support fellow conservatives, why should conservatives support Saxton? Saxton is the weakest conservative candidate Oregon's governor races has ever seen. If elected, he will be tossed around and make Ted Kulongoski look like Ronald Reagan. Given what I said earlier about not casting your ballot, I have to make a decision. I guess I could vote for Ted Kulongoski. An option yes, but again not a good one. He accomplished nothing outside of sleeping in his office and left our budgets, current healthcare systems, and education systems in utter disarray. I do not believe I will be casting a vote for the Democrat or Republican nominees.

One other option exists—the independent candidate Westlund. Westlund was at one point a Republican state senator, so that gives a slight glimmer of hope that perhaps there is a candidate that I could side with. Though once conservative, Westlund is now socially liberal and enjoys endless stances that I as a conservative do not agree with.

Again, a candidate I do not believe will be of benefit to our state in office.

Each candidate, from all sides of the spectrum, I believe to be ineffective. Not a single candidate excites me or even wants to make me try to find a pen to fill out a ballot. Even though I do not support any of the nominees, I do not feel that I can fail to vote. Young voters are the key to changing the voting trends of our country, and I am a

part of this demographic. As Reagan stated so eloquently, "freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." With these words in my heart, I will not allow myself to fail to capitalize on my freedoms. My solution to this problem: a write in candidate. So who will my vote go to in the governor race? Cameron Turner, Senior Editor of the Spectator. Vote Cameron Turner for governor! He is the best candidate and he is not even running.

## VOTERS MISSING AT THE POLLS

by Jared Stilwell

"The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter." -Sir Winston Churchill



regon recently held primary elections on May 16th, and many social commentators lamented the low voter turnout – 38 percent of registered voters made the effort to vote. The Oregonian was full of letters to the editor expressing disgust that so few voters participated in the election as each year brings fewer voters to the booths.

We raise this issue in politics continually, yet a question has remained in my mind: "Is low voter turnout really a bad thing?"

Voting in the state of Oregon is extremely simple. The process begins as ballots are mailed to the home of each registered voter well in advance of the election date. Unlike our scanners which require number 2 pencils, voters can use blue or black ink, or even a pencil when filling out a ballot. Upon its completion, the voter can then mail it to the elections office or drop it off at one of the various ballot drop boxes littering the city when election season is upon us. The process is simple. Nothing other than

apathy prevents people from voting. But is that a bad thing? If someone does not want to take the time to do a bit of research, fill out a ballot, and mail it off to the elections office, should we lament the fact that they did not do so?

Democracy should be an active endeavor. Freedom of speech is an essential element to ensure that voters have access to the pertinent information to make an informed decision. A citizen who makes the effort to study the candidates, weigh the issues in his mind, and then come to an informed decision is the type of voter our republic needs to ensure good governance. Such a voter probably is not dismayed when he or she has to find the 39 cents to pay for a stamp.

As is everything in life, there are two sides to this story. Someone who is persuaded by Sean "P. Diddy" Combs' exhortation to "Vote or Die" is not someone we should miss when he or she fails to vote on Election Day. That is not to say that society should take any measures to discourage voters from voting, we should not be concerned when citizens do not

exercise their right to vote.

The right to vote is a privilege many have died for. Our troops overseas are putting their lives at stake to provide that right to the peoples of Afghanistan and Iraq. If someone in this country does not take the time to exercise that right, I am not concerned. As someone who cares about the future of our great nation, I am glad that such people fail to vote.

I want as many people to vote as who have the desire to do so, and have the ability to make an informed decision. I do not want barriers to be erected in relation to casting a ballot, however, instead of trying to encourage any dummy off of the street to vote, we should be trying to encourage our citizenry to take the time to study the candidates and the issues. It is with the knowledge of what is going on in society that pushes people to vote. It is understanding the issues that make people passionate about politics and passionate about voting. After all, an uncast vote is not the worst thing – an uninformed vote is.

# What Times We Live In

by Marian Paul

Well, then we are all cursed. The two big issues of our time are immigration and the war against Islamofascism...and related they are indeed. Both issues will ultimately compromise our security as a country. A country without a safe and secure border is not a country at all.

We now know that many of the Islamoterrorists of 9/11 accessed the same networks created and used by illegal aliens to obtain bogus social security cards, drivers licenses and other forms of illegal identification. They obtained these documents so that they could commit further crime against American citizenry and all the while spreading more evil. In addition, there have been a number of stories published that Al-Qaeda has attempted to recruit illegal aliens into joining the terrorist organization. We also know that since 9/11 swarms of individuals, who the government classifies as "OTM" or "Other Than Mexican," have been caught trying to sneak into the country. These individuals are Middle Eastern and I assure you they are not coming to this country to work and do "jobs that Americans will not do."

The United States military is the greatest fighting force on the planet. There is not a job or mission that they can't win. Despite this strength and the protection the citizens of America

are offered by this military body, a problem does exist; fighting enemies abroad is of no consequence if you allow them to walk into the country unchecked. Moreover, American law enforcement is also the best law enforcement in the world. I am certain that they could secure the border and conduct real immigration enforcement given the opportunity and proper resources. As usual, the lame Stream Media and leftists alike have kept them from doing their job by applying pressure via television coverage and an equivalent to recruitment for the Democratic party.

Americans, in my mind, are the hardest working culture of people on this planet. We will do any job necessary to reach a successful outcome, and the idea that there are some jobs we will not do is insulting, but the mantra of many anti-immigration reformers is just that.

I believe that the reason that we are having problems with immigration may be broken down into three main causes: 1. Need of Mexican oil, 2. A new permanent underclass that some in the business community will be able to exploit with low wages all for economic prosperity, and 3. A major new voting block.

What makes illegal immigrants drastically different than legal immigrants is the sole fact that we are not ask-

ing these illegal aliens to assimilate, to become Americans or learn English or many of the other things that successful immigrants do to fit into this country and become Americans. Instead, many are willing to just use them as an end to their means but at the cost of the illegals and national security.

Al-Qaeda will attempt to exploit every weakness that they think we have. Right now, namely illegal immigration and porous borders are our greatest weaknesses; one that if taken advantage of by our enemies will cost us dearly. However, many people in this country refuse to see illegal immigration as such a problem and in failing to see this reality, actively work to undermine the laws and safety of this country. By businesses looking for quick cheap labor and politicians looking for new voting blocks, we give aid and comfort to our enemies. Such acts by greedy businesses and power hungry politicians fall under treason and sedition. We MUST gain control of our borders, not just for our economic safety but also for our national security. When we are able to do this, our country will preserve its tradition and be that much safer for its natural born citizens and legal immigrants.

"Here is the perverse paradox of what is being championed in the Senate, a so-called breakthrough. The net result is the longer you have violated United States law and the more flagrant your violation the better it is for you in terms of gaining this path to citizenship. It's encapsulated in the description, illegal immigration, not to become too obvious or facile or even cheeky about it, but illegal means against the law. That's what Americans have a strong exception to."

—Rep. Hayworth, R-Arizona



# Immigration Reform Update: the highlights

Compiled by Amanda Marie Newberg

## House Bill - passed

- \* made it a felony to remain in the U.S. illegally or assist anyone else to do so

- \* border-security and enforcement-only bill

- \* does not include a guest worker program or any path for citizenship

## Senate Bill – expected to pass May 25th

- \* includes amendment for 370 miles of triple-layered fencing at strategic points of our southern border

- \* includes installation of vehicle barriers on a 500-mile stretch of the border

- \* blocks illegal immigrants with criminal records from becoming citizens

- \* approved creation of a guest-worker program limited to 200,000

per year

- \* includes amendment that would allow 1.5 foreign agricultural workers already living in the country to become legal permanent residents

- \* approved a Republican amendment calling for “preserve and enhance the role of English as the national language” and a Democrat amendment describing English as the “common and unifying language”

- \* three-tiered approach to citizenship

- 1) individuals who have been in U.S. more than 5 years are given a path to citizenship

- 2) individuals who have been in U.S. between 2-5 years would have to step outside the country to get a temporary work permit

- 3) individuals who have been in the U.S. for less than 2 years would have to leave

## Presidents Plan

- \* places 6,000 additional national guardsman along the US border by 2008

- \* calls for increased usage of technology to assist National Guard

- \* advocates for a temporary guest-worker program and allowing some illegal immigrants to become citizens

- \* wants an ID card for every legal foreign worker

- \* calls for penalties for those who have been here illegally

- \* thinks those who wish to apply for citizenship must pay their taxes, learn English, and have worked in a job for a number of years, then they would be put in line behind those who have followed the law

## What comes next??

Once a bill passes in the Senate both bills will go to Conference committee. This is a committee made up of both House and Senate members. It will work to reconcile the bill that can be sent back to both houses for passage and then it will go the President's desk. This is where major problems will arise. The House and Senate bills are drastically different. People will have to compromise on both sides. Political will and courage will be desperately needed.

## How did your senator vote?

Amendment to declare English as the national language of the United States and to promote the patriotic integration of prospective US citizens.

Passed 63-34

Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR), Yea

Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), Nay

Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY), Nay

Senator John Kerry (D-MA), Nay

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), Nay

Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Yea

Amendment to increase the amount of fencing and improve vehicle barriers installed along the southwest border of the United States

Passed 83-16

Senator Gordon Smith (R-OR), Yea

Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), Yea

Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY), Yea

Senator John McCain (D-AZ), Yea

Senator John Kerry (D-MA), Yea

Senate Minority Leader Reid (D-NV), Yea

**“Utilizing the National Guard is an effective, short-term stopgap to Immediately strengthen border security as long-range reforms begin to take effect.”**

**- Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.**

# When Conservatives Protest

## (Caution: Not for the faint of heart)

**\*\*Note:** This is part of a journal kept by Maggie Cakes, and therefore some information regarding meetings is outdated. It is the ideas and viewpoints that we present to you through this article.

### Account by Maggie Cakes

I thought you might like to know about Sunday's anti-illegal immigration rally in downtown Portland. I refer to the situation as a criminal invasion. Here's a lengthy-but-true debriefing:

About 12 of us showed up for the anti-illegal immigration rally at Pioneer Courthouse Square in Portland this afternoon. We were greeted by nearly 30 of the Portland Anarchist Welcoming Committee (PAWC) and were not at all disappointed with their hospitality. We were very impressed with their open mindedness and passion for their cause.

We experienced their usual, screaming-in-your-face maneuvers. Eventually we were able to get some help from the Portland Police (PoPo), after one of the PAWCs grabbed our signs and shoved Elizabeth. We were told by the PoPo that if we went down to the corner, we would be able to express our concerns about border security and criminal invasions without being hassled. The result was that the PAWCs surrounded us at our designated corner and the PoPo gathered together about six feet away. Very effective First Amendment protection from Portland's finest, wouldn't you agree?

It is always fun to engage in dialogue with the anarchists. Remember, this is the same group of folks who ride bikes with Mayor Potter at the Critical Mass events. One kid asked me if I had ever heard of the novel "Grapes of Wrath", because the Oakies were treated "really badly" when they migrated to California, and the migrant workers today are treated the same way as Tom Joad and his family. I told him about my dad's family who lost their farm in South Dakota during the dust bowl. When I told him that they then became sharecroppers and they lost that crop too, he backed off. I didn't tell him that my nine aunts and uncles ended up pretty wealthy because of hard work and the opportunities America offered.

Speaking of opportunities, a couple from south of the

border held up a very expensive, vinyl sign, which stated: "No human is illegal". This sign was paid for by the American Friends Service Committee. This group is comprised of those, God-bless-them, peace-loving Quakers. I know that if I suddenly found myself faced with a beheading, the Quakers are the first group I would call for help. I asked the Latina woman how come she's up here when there is so much corruption down in her part of the world. She screamed back that she's up here fighting a corrupt government. I calmly told her: "We're fighting a corrupt government too. Our government won't enforce the damn borders to protect its citizens".

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Another highlight of the afternoon was a dialogue with a very passionate young woman whom I had a discussion with regarding other countries and their own human rights issues. I suggested that our human right record was pretty good compared to ... say ... female castration in Africa and stoning in the Middle East and female infanticide in China. She screamed back that she would love to go to these other countries and protest their human rights violations. I suggested that there is nothing stopping her

and encouraged her to leave as fast as she could.

Then there were the warm words of praise offered to me by one of the young men, when I asked him why I can't be here, expressing my viewpoint too. He said the reason was: "Because I hate you, you racist, Nazi, fu\$\*k\*ng, bit\*#, cun!. Towards the end of the event, one his cohorts said: "We know where you live, we're going to come after you." What I find to be interesting is that they seem to get stuck on the same message, which is: "Fu@k You!" – Over and over and over. I'm not sure what their next maneuver would be. I think they are trying to put the fear of Karl Marx in us, because no punches were thrown, nor were any arrests made.

There was a lot of filming and event-documenting going on by their videographers as we stood our ground. I'm quite sure I will see my mug on the Portland Indymedia website, which is funded by that Democrat Party-loving George Soros. I suggest that all Freepers bookmark the indymedia website because it's really important to know what the opposition thinks and who they support. By the way, you might consider boycotting "Hot Lips" Pizza and the "Bike Gallery" too. All these guys seem to be in cahoots with each other. Commissioner Randy Leonard just loves the Bike Gallery.

Speaking of the Portland City Council, here is some political activity that will be happening on Wednesday: "Those for impeaching President Bush and Vice President Cheney might want to attend the Portland City Council meeting next Wednesday (May 10) at 9:30 a.m. in council chambers at City Hall. That's when a Resolution to Impeach both men will be presented to city commissioners and Mayor Potter by a former Howard Dean group: Democracy for America. U.S. Rep. David Wu is among 36 House members who, in the last few weeks, have become co-sponsors of Rep. John Conyers' bill?HR 635?which starts the impeachment process. Colleagues Earl Blumenauer, Peter DeFazio, and Darlene Hooley currently are weighing whether to become co-sponsors. Last week, the Boston Globe reported Bush has nullified at least 750 bills passed by Congress and signed by him in formal ceremonies through the little used device of secret signing state-

ments. Rationale: He and Cheney determined they were unconstitutional." Anyone want to place a bet on how the vote will turn out? Here's the source for the information: <http://portland.indymedia.org/en/2006/05/338978.shtml> - The Portland Indymedia site is always very entertaining to read, so here is their website: <http://portland.indymedia.org/> I strongly suggest that you surf their site on an empty stomach.

I have also made quite a few phone calls to Senator Gordon Smith's office over the past few weeks. I find it darn ironic that I know where the Democrats, Anarchists, and local politicians stand on important issues of the day, but my Senator won't tell me what he thinks about securing my country's borders. And I think it's rather sad that he claims to support the troops, who are fighting for my freedom and the possible freedom for about 50 million other people, but he seems so cavalier about fighting for my freedom here in my own country. If you want to contact Senator Smith or boycott his business, here is the website: <http://www.smithfrozenfoods.com/index.php>. I don't know if they hire the undocumented guest workers or not.

And finally, here is the website for those always conscientious and patriotic Quakers. You can contact them at: <http://www.afsc.org/>

You know, I suddenly don't have the appetite for lettuce or foreign foods anymore. I'm not sure what to boycott or who to call either because I've been calling and calling and calling and sending donations to the Minutemen. Perhaps there are a lot of people who, like me, don't know who to call or what to do anymore. I hope that the preceding information offered some useful information if you have found yourself in this same predicament. It's kind of a good news/bad news situation: The good news is that we gain 16 million new citizens and their extended families too. The bad news is that we lose our own culture and capitalist economic base.

Thanks for the rant,

Maggie Cakes

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# The Future of the College Republicans



The Plan of Jeremiah Hoffman  
Newly elected CR President for 2006-2007

The 2006-2007 academic year should be engaging as well as productive for the Portland State College Republicans. Are we a heartless group of greedy, environment raping pirates that will destroy the future of the world? Well, some take pleasure in saying that we are, but I disagree. The College Republicans are a group committed to forwarding republican ideals and helping people gain and grow leadership skills.

We will begin this summer with a 2nd Amendment trip and a state-wide College Republican campout. Stay tuned for the summer issue of the Spectator or log into our website which will provide you with all the details and contact information necessary in regards to upcoming events.

As for the 2006-2007 school year, the possibilities are endless—and if you come back to school in the fall and become active in Portland State College Republicans, all your wildest dreams will come true. Well, that may be a slight exaggeration, but for the political junkies all the usual will be in order—meetings with notable discussion topics and well as speakers, campus event speakers to stir things up and Lars Larson WILL broadcast from campus. For those that just want a taste of politics, diversification of events will provide you with parties, movie nights, com-

mittee outreach as well as various environmental cleanup projects (see, we do care contrary to popular belief, or the image liberals attempt to impose on our party). Next year the theme of our organization will be to “Bringing people together,” and that is just what the College Republicans want to see happen.

In the end, politics are fun, however, we are college students and we are in an environment of higher learning. As College Republicans, we can focus on the said activities and help with political campaigns, but in the end we share this campus with many political ideologies and beliefs. We should try and bring groups together rather than push them apart as has been done in the past. There will be activities which the College Democrats and the College Republicans co-sponsor, we feel that people will not educate themselves about politics when all the dialogue between the two sides is slanted and hateful. Granted, the two political sides will not participate in all or many activities together and we may not agree on many issues, yet let us treat each other with respect. As for the College Republicans, we will try and improve our world and encourage others to take part in their civic duties. Come check out our group by going to our website- [www.gop.pdx.edu](http://www.gop.pdx.edu).





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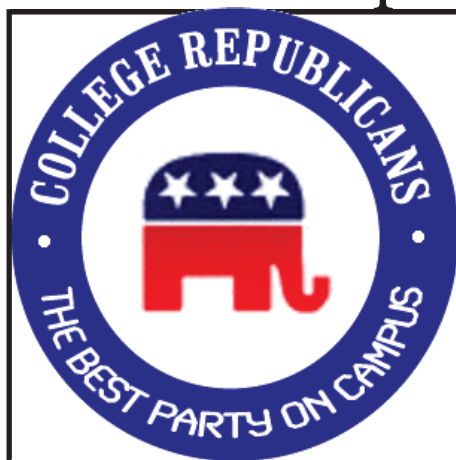
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# 7 Things Children Need from Parents

by Crystal Joele Rea

This article is derived from a sermon given by Pastor Kip Jacobs on May 14, 2006. Though I am not a parent, I am a child and was able to relate to each point provided by pastor Kip. I felt compelled to share this with you because I believe that these are all important points in rearing children that are constantly overlooked. Further, I understand that many of our readers are not parents, however, I encourage you to think about these needs because it is safe to assume that each of you is in some form of a parental or leadership role in relation to young children. I hope that you are able to take something from this article, because I believe that our children are the future and the success of our future as a nation begins with the family.

Tomorrow's society consists of today's children. Often, children get lost in the haste of the world today, but children are the future. Not only are they the future, "children are a gift from the Lord." There are seven things that children need the most from parents. (Even those of us not in parental roles, if we are able to recognize it or not, we are examples for children somewhere be it nieces and nephews, grandchildren, or the neighborhood boy down the street.) Understanding the needs of children will allow us to help create stronger children and in doing so, a stronger society.

First and foremost, children need **compassion**. To be a successful, active, and contributing member of this world, love is not all that children need to be given. Compassion is not something that one may achieve without committing honest effort, attention, and work. It takes practice. Compassion may be expressed in three ways: affection, affirmation, and attention. Be it wrestling or hugging, children need physical contact to confirm that they are loved. You must make sure that children know that they mean something to you by providing them with complete attention and interest. A study at Cornell University placed microphones on 1,000 fathers. They monitored the conversation that the father held throughout the day both at work and at home and in doing so discovered that on average, an American father spends 37 seconds fully engaged in conversations with his child. This is one of the first things that we are doing wrong as a society.

**Counsel** is the second need children have of their parents or parental figure. The number one indicator of a healthy child is a stable value system and the ability to differentiate right from wrong. The decline in moral values and issues pertaining to those values is slowly taking over life in America resulting in increased suicide rates in children, more cases of eating disorders in young women, and more forceful and frequent violence toward one another. Counsel is something that many parents and leadership figures sidestep whenever possible, but it is up to those individuals and nobody else to provide this counsel; it is the role of the parental figure to provide a stable value system.

In close relation to counsel, **correction** is the third thing that children depend on parents to provide. A parent should always move to correct inappropriate behavior of a child quickly, calmly, and sparingly. When you break correction down, it becomes clear that we do correct those that we love. Correction actually shows a child that you care and are active in his or her life. The act of correcting inappropriate behaviors shows that a parental figure cares about the life the child leads and cares about how they are accepted in the world.

**Confidence** is the fourth need that a child looks to a parental figure to provide. The world that we wake up in on a daily basis is extremely negative. We may see the negativity in the media, in the classroom, and in daily conversation. With so many things negative and the loss



of encouragement, it is easy for children to develop poor self-esteem and a negative self-image. Continual scolding of your child will result in nothing other than the child giving up and ceasing to continue to try and improve himself or herself. Expecting the best of a child pushes them to better themselves and helps to build a positive self-image. Confidence is rooted in one's family life and if it is to be improved, it must begin at its root.

Providing safe, fair, and consistent structures for children points us to the fifth need children have: **consistency**. Repeating disciplining procedures, following through on promises, and responding in somewhat patterned behavior will allow a child to feel comfortable and not always be forced to question the response of a parent. If there is nothing consistent in one's parenting procedure, a child will never feel that he or she has any form of stability. Being comfortable with a parent will lead to comfortable relationships with peers and friends outside of the home.

Next we move on to **challenges**. A child needs a parent to provide them with challenges so they may continue to grow in a constructive environment and feel safe to take risks at other times and at other places. We grow when stimulated; providing challenges stimulates one and allows them to push themselves. The ability to push oneself translates into the ability to improve oneself.

Each accomplishment a child has as a result of challenges presented by parents will provide improved self-esteem and confidence that they will then have the courage to take into other settings.

**Celebration** is the second thing that parents need to provide for their children. Ecclesiastes 11:8 says, "people ought to enjoy every day of their lives, no matter how long they live." If you are religious or not, this is a fact that cannot be successfully argued. Life is worth living for its accomplishments, its happiness, and its laughter. Providing your children with an opportunity for celebration will build strong relationships and result in a much more positive life at home.

Children are a gift, and they are also hard work. As each of us takes a parental role at some time in our life, it is important to remember these seven needs that children have. Children depend on their parents for many things whether it financial, safety, or general security, but these seven needs are often overlooked. "It takes wisdom to have a good family, and it takes understanding to make it strong (Proverbs 24:3)." At the end of the day it is easy to allow yourself to relax and disregard duties and responsibilities, but I encourage you to take these needs to heart and provide a structure that will allow your children to grow and develop into contributing members of society.





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