



Return The Ten Commandments To The Public Square

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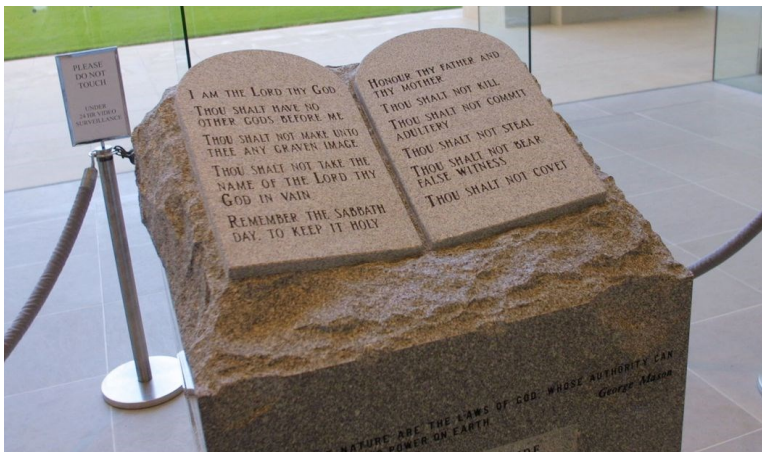
“If you want to respect the rule of law, you’ve got to start from the original lawgiver, which was Moses.” So said Louisiana Gov. Jeff Landry when he signed a bill to require the Ten Commandments to be posted in every classroom in the state.

The Louisiana law has caused outrage from the left and the liberal intelligentsia. The ACLU has already announced it will be challenging the law in court as an unconstitutional establishment of religion. David French argued in The New York Times that rather than respecting the rule of law, Landry is defying it because the Supreme Court already ruled on the issue in *Stone v. Graham* in 1980. “To teach respect for the rule of law, he’s defying the Supreme Court?” French asked incredulously.

What French failed to mention is that in the *Stone* decision, the court based its ruling on the three-part “*Lemon test*,” which was used for decades by the Supreme Court to determine whether actions violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment. But in June of 2022, the United States Supreme Court, in *Kennedy v. Bremerton School District*, held that the standard in the 1971 case of *Lemon v. Kurtzman*, long criticized by many, was in error and put the final nail in its coffin.

The *Lemon test* had de facto censored any religious speech or display including displays of the nativity scenes and plays, in hundreds of years.

Justice Neil Gorsuch, writing the majority opinion for the court in *Kennedy*, examined the preexisting standard, in part, that would be violated when a “reasonable observer” could conclude “endorsed” religion. That analysis, made up by the 1971 court, was completely without any historical basis (i.e., unprecedented either in case law or in history) and was outside the plain words of the First Amendment.



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Besides the *Lemon test* being completely without precedent, Gorsuch revealed that it had been used to create a conflict between the clauses of the First Amendment. Utilizing *Lemon* as a “vise between the Establishment Clause on one side and the Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses on the other” often caused courts to rule that free-speech and free-exercise cases had to yield to the establishment clause. Gorsuch made clear that, in the court’s opinion, such a conflict does not exist. “But how could that be? ... A natural reading of [the First Amendment] would seem to suggest the Clauses have ‘complementary’ purposes, not warring ones where one Clause is always sure to prevail over the others.”

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In place of *Lemon* and the endorsement test, the Supreme Court instructed that the establishment clause must be interpreted “by reference to historical practices and understandings.”

Now that the *Lemon* test no longer controls, there is an organic drive among citizens to return the display of the Ten Commandments to public places. One of those efforts is in Alabama, where in 2003 the 11th Circuit ruled that a monument of the Ten Commandments had to be removed from the rotunda of the state judicial building because it violated the then-controlling *Lemon* standard. A [Restore the Commandments](#) petition has already gathered a multitude of signatures, calling for the display of the Ten Commandments in state buildings of each of the three branches of government.

The Ten Commandments indisputably reflect the values that underlie our legal system and way of life. For example, the respect for life, reflected in the commandment, “Thou shalt not kill,” is the basis for homicide laws. Respect for property, reflected in the commandments, “Thou shalt not steal,” and, “Thou shalt not covet,” provides a foundation for theft and property laws. Perjury and ethics law are reflections of the commandment to “not bear false witness.” We even respect days of rest from the workweek, which consist of Sunday, the Christian holy day, and Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath. The reasons for the establishment of the two-day weekend in the early 1900s hark back to the commandment, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy,”

The Ten Commandments remind us of our heritage and set forth principles on which the laws regulating behavior in daily life are based. There is no doubt the Ten Commandments are inextricably intertwined with our history, tradition, and laws. Historically, Ten Commandments displays were prevalent before 1971, when they began to be censored by the application of the *Lemon* test, which has now been overruled. Thus, “historical practices and understandings” are consistent with a return of the Ten Commandments displays to public areas.

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The Looming Electrical Power Shortage

We take abundant electricity for granted. When asked where electricity comes from, many will point to the wall outlet. But, we are headed for a serious prolonged shortage of electrical power driven by rising demand from the artificial intelligence revolution while demands for green energy grow stronger. The push to mitigate “global warming” has led to replacing coal-fired power plants over the past two decades with natural gas, wind turbines, and solar installations. These efforts to transition from coal to wind and solar have been possible because demand has been almost flat from 2007 to 2023. But an unprecedented ramp up in electrical demand is expected as the push for EV mandates and other “green” energy demands such as bans on gas appliances have grown.

The federal government proposes to establish a new green hydrogen fuel industry. Hydrogen is produced by electrolysis from water and uses large amounts of electricity which will impact grid capacity. But the electricity needed for the new Artificial Intelligence revolution will be greater than that needed for EV’s, electric appliances and green hydrogen combined. Today, data centers use about 4% of U. S. electricity but the growth of AI within the next 10 years could raise that demand by 20%.

The coming power shortages should produce a slow down in the premature closing of coal, gas, and nuclear power plants and push for “green energy”, but the shortage will also very likely rapidly increase electricity prices. *Source: Cornell Alliance for Sciences, May, 2, 2024*

1819 News reported on May 2, 2024, that Meta (formerly Facebook) will open a huge 715,000 square foot data center in Montgomery across from the Hyundai automobile assembly plant. While this is a victory for Montgomery, it can have a potential impact on the electrical grid in Alabama.

What's Good About America?

Constitution Day, September 17

By Rev. John Killian, Special Contributor

In 1911, Iowa schools began celebrating Constitution Day. Six years later, the Sons of the American Revolution announced the formation of a committee to encourage the celebration of Constitution Day. Members of this SAR committee included World War I hero General John Pershing, later President Calvin Coolidge and John D. Rockefeller. Constitution Day became a holiday in 2004 when Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia made an amendment to an Omnibus Spending Bill that Constitution Day would be recognized on the federal level.

Skeptics mock the idea of American exceptionalism, stating that our country is just another system of government and just another conglomerate of citizenry destined for the ash heap of world civilizations. But I wish to submit that our country's exceptionalism is founded upon our governing document—the United States Constitution.

**The
CONSTITUTION
of the United States**

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common Defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article I.

Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch in that State. No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, seven Years, and be seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and when elected, shall be, but not exceed, seven Years; and no Person shall be a Representative who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Section 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature of the State in which they shall be chosen, and they shall, when assembled, constitute a Body, which shall have the same Powers and Authority as the Senate of the United States under the Articles of Confederation and Union. The actual Number of Senators shall not exceed one hundred, nor be less than ninety. The actual Number of Representatives shall not exceed one thousand, nor be less than three hundred. The actual Number of Representatives and Senators shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, who in each State shall be entitled to the Rights of Citizens, three fifths of all other Persons, who in each State shall be entitled to the Rights of Citizens, and excluding all Indians, not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall direct: but such Enumeration shall be made in such Manner as they shall direct: but such Enumeration shall be made in such Manner as they shall direct: but such Enumeration shall be made in such Manner as they shall direct.

Section 4. When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Electors in that State shall choose new Representatives in such Manner as they shall direct: but such Enumeration shall be made in such Manner as they shall direct: but such Enumeration shall be made in such Manner as they shall direct.

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**and
The Declaration of Independence**

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adopt term limits for Congress and various other reforms. Please remember that we have no issues with liberty from our Constitutional Republic. Our problems today with an overbearing federal government come not from our Constitution but our attacks on liberty come due to not following the Constitution.

So, celebrate Constitution Day and thank our Almighty God for our system that assumes liberty and recognizes the danger of too much authority in any one corner of government. Let's defend our Constitution from those who would open Pandora's Box and risk tampering with our rights.

Customarily, a founding document for a country/government expounds the controls claimed by that government. But our wise Founding Fathers formulated a document to constitute the role of that government by limiting the power of that government. To prevent a dictatorship or an oligarchy, our wonderful United States Constitution presents limits on the Federal government. Our system presents three branches of our federal system: Judicial, Legislative and Executive.

Each branch has a specific purpose. The legislative branch establishes laws. The judicial branch interprets the laws. The executive branch carries out the laws. Each branch is kept from total control because of the checks and balances contained in the US Constitution.

The Bill of Rights, adopted to pacify opponents to the body of the Constitution, reserves rights of the states and of the individuals. The Tenth Amendment specifically declares the primacy of the rights of the several states.

I submit to you that these United States have remained a Constitutional Republic and has maintained a semblance of liberty because of our United States Constitution. Currently a movement is afoot that claims that we need a constitutional convention to stop runaway federal spending, to

Air New Zealand has become the first major airline to drop the 2030 climate goals. They issued a statement that said, “availability of new aircraft, the affordability of alternative jet fuels, and global and domestic regulatory and policy support, are outside the airlines control and remain challenging.” In other words, the climate change goals are unworkable and not realistic. The goals are part of the UN Agenda 2030 “Climate Change” agenda. This comes after several auto makers have also said they will not continue their efforts to meet the UN goals. These include Audi, Mercedes and Volkswagen. It seems that common sense and reality are starting to sink in.

Source: Peter Sweden Substack, August 10, 2024

Scotland has announced that it is halting the prescription of puberty blockers and hormone drugs to minors. This follows a damning report on the dangers to children from such treatments. This follows the NHS England formally halting prescribing such drugs. Instead of such prescriptions, NHS England has said that children diagnosed with gender dysphoria will have a range of psychological therapies available to them, including family therapy, individual child psychotherapy, parental support or counseling. More common sense is exploding in the British Isles while many US health officials continue to promote transition procedures—including puberty blockers and hormone drugs for children. This makes the U.S. an “outlier” in protecting children, after France, Sweden, Finland, Norway and the U. K. issued warning against such treatments.

From S.A. McCarthy @pipesmokenpapist 14-10-2024

Children and teens in the U. S. are dying at higher rates than their peers in 16 other high income countries, according to a research letter published in the journal JAMA Pediatrics. The U. S. infant mortality rate consistently exceeds those of other high income countries. News sources generally attribute the increase in deaths in infants to Sudden Infant Death syndrome or SIDS. The CDC attributes 75% of infant deaths to SIDS or unknown causes. Infant deaths in the U.S. have grown to 5.4 deaths per 1000 live births. SIDS is listed as the number 3 cause of death. Dr. Paul Thomas, a pediatrician, says that pediatricians are not educated on the possible links to vaccinations and such deaths are most often listed as SIDS or unknown.

Source: Children’s Health Defense, July 3, 2024

Children in Massachusetts will no longer have mothers and fathers. Massachusetts House bill 4750 was passed unanimously by both the House and the Senate in July. This bill replaces the use of “mother” with “person who gave birth” in official documents. It replaces “man” and “woman” with “persons.” The stated goal of the legislation is to support children born through assisted reproductive technology and ensures equality for LGBTQ families to establish parentage, according to State Rep. Hannah Kane, a Republican. Sen. Joanne Comerford, a Democrat, said that her colleagues displayed “courage, tenacity, and grit” in passing the bill.

From Todd Starnes News, July 31, 2024

“No pecuniary consideration is more urgent than the regular redemption and discharge of the public debt. On none can delay be more injurious or on economy of time more valuable.”

George Washington

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

Tenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution

“There will come a time when the rich own all the media, and it will be impossible for the public to make an informed opinion.”

Albert Einstein about 1949

“A vote is not a valentine; you aren’t confessing your love for the candidate. It’s a chess move for the world you want to live in.”

Anonymous

“Many people die at twenty five and aren’t buried until they are seventy five.”

Benjamin Franklin

“Men, it has been well said, think in herds. It will be seen that they go mad in herds, while they only recover their senses slowly, one by one.” *Charles Mackay in his book, “Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds 1841”*

“The Constitution of most of our states (and of the United States) assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves; that it is their right and duty to be at all times armed.”

- Thomas Jefferson, letter to John Cartwright, 5 June 1824

Alabama Pot...where are we now?

By Christine Carr

Governor Kay Ivey signed the “Compassion Act” on May 17th, 2021, legalizing marijuana in Alabama. Though disguised as medical cannabis, the bill opened up the gates to an avaricious industry, one which has only begun to show its true colors. This white paper proposes to succinctly summarize the last three years of progress and obstacles, including the status of the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission, the latest medical knowledge, legislative and regulatory efforts, as well as next steps.

Eagle Forum of Alabama worked closely with other conservative, child advocacy, medical, and faith-based organizations to stop the passage and signing of the Compassion Act. Ever since, Eagle Forum has been at the forefront of educating the public, legislators, and policymakers about the dangers of marijuana normalization and commercialization, as well as the law’s inherent flaws.

We led efforts such as “Not in My Town,” to help local communities fight the pressure to opt-in for dispensaries. We developed and distributed a Top Ten list to all legislators, highlighting the ten worst dangers within the law. Out of that list, the dangers to pregnant women and the developing baby was number one.

By legislative session 2022, we partnered with AL State Senator Larry Stutts, a practicing ObGyn, to encourage passage of the “Drug Free Babies Bill.” This was designed to close the worst loophole in the AL marijuana law, which would allow pregnant women to purchase and use the drug, causing harm to her baby and health. Despite favorable opinions, the DFB bill did not make it to committee. We tried again in 2023 and met significant headwinds and failed to see the bill filed.

Recognizing the cannabis lobby’s strength, as well as the predicted gambling fight for session 2024, I prayed for a different approach. Fortunately, new pathways opened. With support from State Representative Susan DuBose, I presented key medical concerns to the AL Board of Medical Examiners. The ALBME is tasked by the law to oversee physicians who apply to become certified cannabis doctors in Alabama.

Fortunately, they examined the evidence and agreed! By December 2023, they requested a formal proposal to update their rules. By February 2024, the new rules were adopted and processed. The proposed rules changes underwent a 45 day public comment period, during which no opposition was made. By April, the rules were certified and then awaited review by the legislative council. On June 14, 2024, the new rules officially became law!

Although the current marijuana law still holds many dangers to public safety and health, the significance of the ALBME’s rules cannot be understated. Never before in the world has any state or national government been able to provide protections to the baby, or even to adult patients, at this level. The following is a list of achievements:

1. Women, aged 11-50, of conception capacity must have a negative pregnancy test before receiving a recommendation for a marijuana card. She must also have a negative pregnancy test every 30 days in order to keep the card active with the AMCC. No home tests. This follows the same standard set by the FDA iPledge program regarding Accutane, a popular acne medicine that causes birth defects. The ALBME acknowledged the growing research pointing to cannabis and its harms to the developing baby and, wisely, applied the same standard.
2. All patients must see their cannabis doctor in person every 90 days to keep their card active. This follows the same standard physicians must follow when prescribing schedule II and III drugs.
3. All patients must have a negative drug screen. This rule is supported by the research that shows the increased dangers of substance abuse disorder among cannabis users that also use other drugs. International pain experts do not support the concurrent use of marijuana with opioids, nor is there enough evidence to support marijuana for chronic pain. By adopting this rule, the ALBME will lessen risks for drug abuse.
4. All caregivers must be present at every cannabis doctor appointment and sign the required risks and harms documentation. This will help ensure a patient’s caregiver is practicing their due diligence for the patient’s safety. It also helps prevent fraud.

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5. No telemedicine. Even though most cannabis doctors in other states are known to run a “pill mill” type of operation, prohibiting the use of telemedicine for AL cannabis doctors will help lessen this risk to Alabama communities.

In addition to the above rules, doctors are also paying attention to the medical malpractice landscape. These precautions will, hopefully, make AL doctors more thoughtful about becoming a certified cannabis doctor. With a medical board committed to real medical evidence and ethical physician behavior, it is imperative that the public encourage the ALBME to follow through with inspections and accountability.

What about the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission? While the ALBME worked to improve physician rules and patient safety, the AMCC battled many lawsuits from disgruntled marijuana investors. The commission did not conduct their initial licensure appropriations well, which resulted in the initiation of several lawsuits as well as the resignation of Chairman Dr. Steven Stokes.

Fortunately, State Senator Greg Reed served Alabamians well by selecting an excellent replacement in retired Oncologist, Dr. Jimmie Harvey. He is not influenced by the industry, and he brings to the commission a serious commitment to good science and patient safety.

He was approved to serve in time for the AMCC’s court ordered “do over.” The AMCC followed the court’s outline for license selection and, though not perfect, was completed by December 2023. Yet, investors denied a license still sued.

The distractions caused by lawsuits have prevented the AMCC from completing other important tasks in a timely manner, especially those related to patient and public safety. Rather than cave to pressure from investors and lobbying groups by increasing the number of dispensaries, Alabama legislators must hold firm to the current number and demand that the top focus should be patient and public safety, not investor satisfaction.

This issue may become another legislative battle in 2025, increasing the number of dispensaries and integrated facilities, as was proposed by State Senators Melson and Sessions. The position of Eagle Forum of Alabama is NO. We cannot allow ourselves to be bullied into submission with lawsuits and repeat the disastrous results seen in Florida and other states. There is, currently, only one inspection facility, which will have a very hard time keeping up with the current number of proposed dispensaries. There are no plans for inspectors yet drawn, nor any system developed for reporting adverse events.

What is the best option? We should see a full repeal of the 2021 Compassion Act, close down the AMCC, and enact a new program that more closely reflects the low THC oil program in development in Georgia.

Until that happens, the next steps not only address our dispensary marijuana laws and program. The largest gorilla in the room is the Alabama Hemp industry and its terrible products such as THC Delta 8 and 10. Ask any school teacher, principal, counselor, or school resource officer, and they will consistently complain about the problem of THC vape pens. The problem has impacted nearly every Alabama household and child.

Friends of Eagle Forum of Alabama stay tuned. We will send out updates regarding proposed legislation, such as:

1. Ending the “caregivers can be users” provision in the Compassion Act.
2. Removing certain qualified conditions from the Compassion Act, especially those at most risk for suicide and violent psychoses.
3. Placing potency limits on dispensary marijuana products.
4. Ending the ease of access to hemp derived THC derivatives.

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Tearing the Paper Tiger

By Jason J. Keeley, Alabama Student Eagle from Mobile

Commenting on China Uncensored, "China's Military is Falling Apart" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dxwHC0PeUf4>)

Former CCP Defense Minister Li Shangfu and his predecessor Wei Fanghe, two political allies of dictator Xi Jinping, have been expelled from the Chinese Communist Party and are being charged with bribery and corruption according to a Chinese report on June 27th of this year. China's open use of terms like "extremely serious" and "tremendous harm" indicates a catastrophic situation. Both Generals caused disastrous damage to China's combat readiness and political stability in the military. The People's Liberation Army is wavering in its support for Xi Jinping, and their military capacity has been handicapped.



They are, however, still a serious threat to be dealt with before they recover to full strength. To do this, Chris Chappell, an expert on China who runs China Uncensored, has advised, "It's unlikely the CCP can engage in serious acts of aggression against Taiwan or in the South China Sea right now. This is the time for the US to increase its support for Taiwan, including things like arms sales, military cooperation, increasing trade, and supporting

Taiwan on the international stage. The US should also solidify alliances in the Indo-Pacific, particularly with the Philippines and Japan, and the US should hit China with tariffs and sanctions." Communist China is stumbling, and we must take advantage before it attempts its long-desired Chinese Lebensraum (military expansion and ethnic replacement). China prospers from American appeasement and trade; the economic benefits appeasement brings us today could result in World War III death tolls tomorrow.

**This is what
Monkey Pox
looks like
under a
microscope**



Source: Robert W Malone MD from "Who is Robert Malone" Substack, August 18, 2024

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