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DNC Resolution Celebrates Religiously Unaffiliated

Daily Signal

August 30, 2019

The Democratic National Committee passed a resolution at its summer meeting championing “religiously unaffiliated” voters, who the resolution noted are the “largest religious group” within the party. The resolution also takes a shot at deeply religious voters, who are accused of using their religious beliefs to oppress other groups.

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HHS: Vermont Medical Center Unlawfully Forced a Nurse to Assist in Abortion

U.S. Dept. Health and Human Services news release

August 28, 2019

The nurse had expressed an objection for many years and was included in a list of objectors, but UVMMC knowingly assigned the nurse to an abortion procedure. The nurse was not told the procedure was an abortion until the nurse walked into the room....

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A Win for Free Speech and Conscience Rights

Breakpoint podcast commentary by John Stonestreet

August 27, 2019

"Because the First Amendment allows the Larsens to choose when to speak and what to say, we reverse their decision." How's that for judicial clarity?

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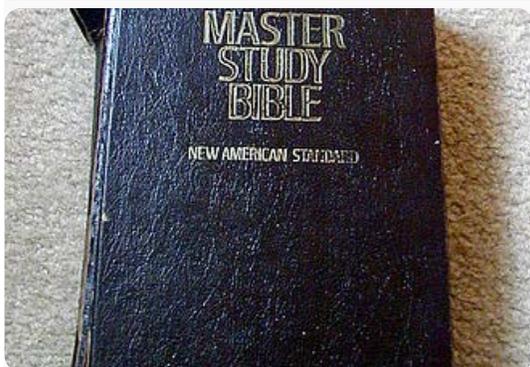
Fighting Assisted Suicide, Jersey Style

Breakpoint commentary by John Stonestreet

August 26, 2019

No matter how often advocates paint physician-assisted suicide and abortion as “compassionate” care, many doctors rightfully want nothing to do with them. This leaves the dilemma of to what degree unwilling physicians should be coerced to participate.

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VA Lifts Ban on Bibles in Move to Support Religious Freedom

Daily Signal commentary by Fred Lucas

August 26, 2019

“No member of the military should have to hide their faith when they put on a uniform. Nor should our public square be devoid of religious symbols,” said **Emilie Kao**, director of the DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society at The Heritage Foundation.

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God or Government: What an Economy of “Nones” May Mean for Our Future

Public Discourse commentary by Kelly Hanlon

August 22, 2019

G.K. Chesterton may have summed up our current situation best: men who stop believing in God do not believe in nothing, but believe in anything. It seems that we’ve moved from belief in God to belief in government, and are hurtling toward an ever-growing state.

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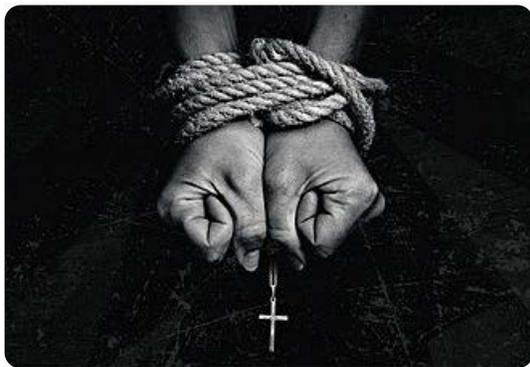
Jury Awards Planned Parenthood Whistleblower \$3 Million After She Disclosed Nasty Conditions At Facilities

The Federalist commentary by Nicole Russell

August 22, 2019

Rodriguez filed a lawsuit against Planned Parenthood in 2017 and did not request a specific amount of damages. After a two-week trial and three-hour deliberation, however, an Arizona jury unanimously awarded her \$3 million for acting as a whistleblower in what might be an unprecedented case against the abortion giant.

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A Day to Resolve to Fight Religious Persecution

Daily Signal commentary by Sean Nelson

August 21, 2019

Roughly 80% of the world's population lives in countries with significant restrictions on religious freedom. Christians are bearing the brunt of these restrictions.

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Opinion: Put children first in adoption case

Detroit News commentary by Lori Windham

August 21, 2019

A diverse network of collaborative agencies is what makes the system work best for children in need. Faith-based agencies like St. Vincent are a crucial part of this system.

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USCCB Chairmen Applaud Proposed Regulations Preventing Government Discrimination Against Faith-Based Federal Contractors

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

August 21, 2019

"Faith-based groups should have the opportunity to compete on a level playing field as they seek to partner with the federal government to provide critical social services. These proposed rules protect religious liberty...."

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Why This Court Got It Right on Religious Imagery

Daily Signal commentary by Nicole Russell

August 21, 2019

Diana Verm, senior counsel at Becket, which represented Lehigh County, said, "It is common sense that religion played a role in the lives of our nation's early settlers. Recognizing that is just as constitutional as honoring symbols like the Liberty Bell.

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The Rise of the Nones

Public Discourse commentary by Nathaniel Peters

August 18, 2019

As America's religious norm changes from Christianity to therapeutic deism and spiritualized



progressivism, we will find more people challenging longstanding protections of human dignity and religious liberty.

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China's Restrictive Family Planning Policies Have Resulted in Human Rights Violations

Providence commentary by Chelsea Patterson Sobolik

August 15, 2019

Although China's religious freedom violations are grave, the human rights abuses extend to all of its citizens in the form of extremely restrictive family planning policies. Human rights violations are interwoven, and where oppression of one right occurs, it will inevitably lead to other rights being repressed.

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Planned Parenthood Exposes Its Dedication to Abortion

National Review commentary by Alexandra Desantcis

August 15, 2019

It is Planned Parenthood, then, and not Donald Trump, removing itself from Title X by refusing to comply with the conscience protections, demanding instead that it be compensated for providing a procedure that millions of Americans find morally objectionable.

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Christian Women's Shelter Doesn't Need to Admit Trans Woman, Court Rules

Daily Signal

August 14, 2019

"Downtown Hope Center serves everyone, but women deserve a safe place to stay overnight," said lawyer **Kate Anderson** of the **Alliance Defending Freedom**, a public interest law practice that represents Hope Center. "No woman—particularly not an abuse survivor—should be forced to sleep or disrobe next to a man.

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Labor Department Rule Broadens



Religious Protections in Federal Contracting

Daily Signal

August 14, 2019

The Labor Department on Wednesday announced a new rule to grant the “broadest protection permitted by law” to religious organizations contracting with the federal government. The proposed rule to clarify civil rights protections for religious groups will be added to the Federal Register on Thursday, but is now open to public comment (which can be submitted electronically by the **Sep. 16 deadline here**).

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Regulating Speech Won't Fix Our Politics

National Review commentary by Joe Lonsdale

August 12, 2019

The solicitor general, to the shock of the Court, affirmed that, under the current law, such a book could be banned and the author imprisoned. This exchange explains why the unconstitutional restrictions on political speech were overturned.

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Common Sense in Free Fall on College Campuses

Daily Signal commentary by Jason Snead

August 09, 2019

Stifling academic debate, exercising a heckler's veto over messages that do not fit within an ideology prescribed by liberal academics, and promoting shoddy “research” that supports that ideology, will not advance the search for truth, which should be the ultimate goal of any serious academic institution.

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Department of Education to Probe Athletic Program Allowing Transgender Females to Compete With Girls

Daily Signal

August 08, 2019

Alliance Defending Freedom, which represents Soule, said in a press release Thursday that the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference's policy “regularly results in boys out-performing and displacing girls in competitive high-school track events across Connecticut.”

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Diagnosis of Gender Dysphoria— Too General and Too Much Harm

Public Discourse commentary by Walt Heyer

August 07, 2019

These could be the cases where gender dysphoria is a symptom, not a diagnosis, and could benefit from a treatment other than cross-sex hormones and surgeries. [NOTE: Aug. 13 deadline - see [Learning / The Law](#). **Use this quick form** to comment on the new govt. rule on gender in healthcare.]

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Discrimination against faith-based adoption agencies

Acton Line podcast

August 07, 2019

Kate Anderson, senior legal counsel at Alliance Defending Freedom, joins the podcast to explain how faith-based adoption agencies are being increasingly threatened due to their religious beliefs and why faith-based agencies are crucial in the adoption and foster system.

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Facing Extinction in Iraq, Can Christians Hope for Aid from the West?

National Reivew commentary by Edward Clancy

August 06, 2019

What remains to be seen, says Warda, is whether “Islam will continue on its current political trajectory, in which sharia law is the basis for civil law and nearly every aspect of life is circumscribed by religion, or whether a more civil, tolerant movement will develop.”

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Engage before they come for you

Freedom2Care blog post by Jonathan Imbody

August 02, 2019

Christian Medical and Dental Associations (CMDA) member and Ob-Gyn physician Dr. Regina Frost appears to be a modern-day Queen Esther, taking a courageous stand for the faith as did the biblical heroine. Dr. Frost is representing Christian doctors in a high-stakes federal lawsuit to protect the new federal conscience protection rule from legal assault.

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College to Pay Students for



Violating Their Free Speech Rights

Daily Signal

August 02, 2019

Blake Meadows, legal counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom, told The New Guard: "University of Florida administrators had limited Young Americans for Freedom members' First Amendment freedoms by forcing them to pay into a system that funds opposing viewpoints."

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'Do No Harm Act' would cut important religious freedom protections

CBN News

July 31, 2019

Senior Counsel Matt Sharp with Alliance Defending Freedom said, "This bill would cut very important religious freedom protections for countless Americans, people of all walks of life – Christians, Muslims, Jews and so many others that, throughout the 25 year history of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, have had their rights to freely live out their faith, protected against government efforts to tell them that they must violate their conscience or do something that violates their beliefs."

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