

offer a pinch of incense to the god-emperor. But if a school prayer amendment is passed, then forty million school children could be required 2,160 times (12 years times 180 days per school year) to decide whether or not to participate in a religious ritual staged and regimented by some level of government.

Any school prayer amendment would expand the power of government into the sacred areas of conscience and religion, where the Founders of our country believed it had no business. It would seriously weaken the religious liberty of all Americans, erode church-state separation, and disrupt interfaith harmony.

The Supreme Court's 1960s school prayer rulings greatly expanded religious freedom. A prayer amendment would reverse that process.

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