

Family



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Dear Friend:

Have you ever had the feeling you were being followed? I have that feeling a lot these days. Only it's true—I am being followed. Fortunately or perhaps otherwise, it's the national media that is shadowing me. But it's not me they're most interested in, it's the pro-family movement. The reason is simple: a presidential campaign year is about to begin. Like it or not, you and I are in the thick of the story.

FRC has never been gun-shy about media exposure. Last month was intense by any standard, with more than 1900 media references to FRC. CBS and Dan Rather ran their profile of religious conservatives, *Faith and Politics*, and ABC's *Day One* ran a story about Focus on the Family. That show included footage of Dr. James Dobson and me walking down the U.S. Capitol steps after a day long series of meetings with members of Congress. Both of these network shows proved to be inaccurate portrayals of the pro-family cause. But there is one thing that both shows got right: millions of pro-family Americans like you are making a difference in this nation's moral and political climate. Time and again, I had this word for the media: "You haven't seen anything yet!"

To illustrate this fact, let me take you back to the dawn of the day Jim Dobson and I recently spent visiting Congress. Before we began our trek on "Capitol Hill" with the media behind us, Jim and I took care of some media duties of our own. First, I taped my regular radio address for the following day, which took a look at just-released excerpts from the autobiography of General Colin Powell. I noted that General Powell's statements on social issues were "crushing news" for pro-family Americans. A man who appears to have led an exemplary life, walking by the light of the values we share, declined to insist on those values being included in discussions in the public square.

On our next stop, Jim and I met with Congressman Frank Wolf, the Virginia Republican who served for years on the House Select Committee on the Family. Frank joined with us to tape a program that will play on Dr. Dobson's Focus on the Family radio program on October 20. The topic was gambling. Congressman Wolf has introduced a bill