

Family Research Council

Mission Statement

Family Research Council's primary reason for existence is to reaffirm and promote nationally and particularly in Washington, DC, the traditional family unit and the Judeo-Christian principles upon which it is built. To accomplish this task we will:

- Promote and defend the family in the media.
- Develop and advocate legislative and public policy initiatives which strengthen and fortify the family and promote traditional values.
- Establish and maintain an accurate source of statistical and research information which reaffirms the importance of the family in our civilization.
- Inform and educate citizens on how they can promote Biblical principles in our culture.

What The Family Research Council Believes

Protecting the American Family

1. To ease growing economic pressures on families, federal and state tax policy should allow parents raising children to keep more of the money they earn.
2. Fathers play an irreplaceable role in the upbringing of their children. They should take these responsibilities seriously.
3. The natural, married-couple family is the best environment to bear and raise children. Public policy should protect the two-parent family.
4. America's child protection policies should be reformed to be more sensitive to the rights of the parents.
5. The best child care program is one a child receives in his or her own home, from his or her own parents. Congress and employers should therefore adopt policies which make it easier for parents to care for their own children.
6. Adults should make every effort toward reconciliation before considering divorce. Congress and the states should encourage this by limiting or repealing current "no fault" divorce policies.

Preserving the Sanctity of Human Life

7. Human life is sacred and should be protected -- from conception until natural death.
8. Adoption should be strongly advocated, particularly as an alternative to abortion.
9. Taking organs from aborted children for experimental purposes is morally repugnant. The medical community should find alternatives to this practice.

Making our Schools Great Again

10. Parents should be free to direct their children's education; government should assist parents in choosing safe and effective schools for their children.

11. A child's performance in school should be judged by academic achievement, not whether the child becomes "politically correct."

12. Voluntary student-initiated prayer should be allowed in the public schools.

13. Schools should teach abstinence before marriage and fidelity within marriage, keeping in mind that parents bear the primary responsibility for their children's sex education.

Pro-Family Health Care Reform

14. America's health care system should be flexible enough to meet each individual family's needs, and should also respect the right of each family to make its own health care choices.
15. The best method for controlling the spread of AIDS is for people to change their behavior, avoiding activities which would put them at risk of acquiring the HIV virus.

Homosexuality, the Family, and Society

16. Homosexual activity is immoral, unhealthy, and destructive to individuals, families, and societies. Homosexuals should not be granted special rights based on their sexual preference. "Gay rights" should not be equated with civil rights.

17. Homosexuals should be treated with compassion, not bigotry. We should provide support and healing for homosexuals who want to change their way of life.

18. It is destructive of military morale, readiness, and effectiveness to permit homosexuals into the armed forces.

Taking a Pro-Family Stand

19. Tax dollars should not be used to fund obscene or indecent art.

20. In our democracy, it is essential that concerned citizens take part in the political process, not just be passive spectators.

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