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## Public Policy Index

### *The NCFPC's Policy Resources 2002-2003*

By Stephen Daniels



Over the years, the North Carolina Family Policy Council has offered timely and insightful writings on policy issues important to the families of North Carolina. Periodically, the Policy Council receives requests for previously published materials. As a service to our readers, we have included an index of the policy papers and radio programs that have been published and produced over

the past two years. If you are interested in obtaining any of these papers, log on to our website at [www.ncfamily.org](http://www.ncfamily.org) or contact the North Carolina Family Policy Council at (919) 807-0800.

### **Policy Papers**

#### **Evaluating Charter Schools,**

#### **Assessing the Charter School Evaluation Report**

by Stephen Daniels

This paper analyzes the Charter School Evaluation Report submitted to the State Board of Education in November 2001. It discusses the strengths and weaknesses that are noted in the report and concludes that the question is not whether to continue charter schools, but how best to assist them. February 2002

#### **Character Education,**

#### **Helping Our Children to Develop Good Character**

by Anne R. Lee

North Carolina's renewed commitment to character education may prove to be one of the most important and significant education reforms in recent state history. This paper discusses the North Carolina law and provides information for educators who are considering the implementation of the new law. March 2002

#### **The Case for Abstinence,**

#### **Why Comprehensive Sex Education Sends the Wrong Message**

by Alysse ElHage

Opponents of abstinence education have dismissed it as a misguided and ineffective means of reducing teen sexual activity. The reality is that comprehensive sex education is the message that is failing today's teenagers. This paper discusses the rationale behind North Carolina's Abstinence Until Marriage law and explains why abstinence, not comprehensive sex education, is the best message to teach in schools. April 2002

#### **Let the People Vote?**

#### **Why a Lottery Referendum is Still Unconstitutional**

by Lucy Holding, J.D., and William J. Brooks, Jr.

This paper discusses the legal theory and practical application

behind the conclusion that a lottery referendum is unconstitutional in North Carolina. The North Carolina Constitution does not provide for a referendum process for legislation on which the General Assembly already has the authority to act. May 2002

#### **Protecting Marriage,**

#### **10 Good Reasons to Preserve Meaningful Tort Laws**

by John L. Rustin and Jere Z. Royall, J.D.

There have been a number of bills introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly over the past several years to eliminate the torts of alienation of affections and criminal conversation. This paper provides an in-depth analysis of the civil actions of alienation of affections and criminal conversation, and points out why the preservation of these laws is an important component of preserving and protecting marriage in North Carolina. June 2002

#### **State Lottery Bill Analysis,**

#### **How a Lottery Would Impact North Carolina**

by John L. Rustin

Recent debate regarding a state lottery in North Carolina has focused primarily on the strategy of the gambling promoters to use a non-binding voter referendum to leverage financing and support for a state lottery. This paper examines the issue of a non-binding referendum and also uncovers some of the pitfalls in the actual legislation that would likely be used to put North Carolina in the gambling business. July 2002

#### **Parental Consent for Abortion,**

#### **How Common Sense Measures Assure Safety for Minors**

by James C. Lesnett, Jr. and Stephen Daniels

Parental consent laws are a common sense way to ensure that young girls who may be facing a very difficult and potentially life changing decision do not undergo this medical procedure uninformed and without the counsel of parents. This paper factors in the politics, economics and medical risks associated with abortion while defending the need for parental consent laws. August 2002

#### **Physician-Assisted Suicide,**

#### **Examining a Critical End-of-Life Issue**

by Kristen Smith and Stephen Daniels

Many ethical questions are emerging as the medical community and governments around the world confront a growing movement to legalize physician-assisted suicide. This paper explores the realities behind physician-assisted suicide, the legal and medical considerations and what the government's role in regulating it should be. September 2002

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**General Assembly Votes,  
Selected Votes from the 2002 Legislative Session**

*by John L. Rustin and Jacqueline Schaffer*

This paper reviews some of the issues considered by the North Carolina General Assembly in the 2002 session, gives the recorded votes of each member on a variety of issues, and offers suggestions for further research. October 2002

**Intolerant Tolerance, The Weapon of Moral Relativism**

*by Stephen Daniels*

In today's culture, the traditional understanding of tolerance has been redefined such that the advocates of a new morality are shutting out those who support traditional family values. The "new tolerance" is not simply a philosophical abstract that is being posited in the halls of academic institutions, it is the worldview being pushed on society. This paper examines the "new tolerance" and how it is affecting families, schools and public policy. December 2002

**The After-Effects of Abortion,  
The Physical and Psychological Impact on Women**

*by Alysse ElHage and Edgar S. Douglas, M.D.*

The impact that abortion has on the bodies, minds and emotions of women is often overlooked in the abortion debate. This paper examines some of the physical and psychological effects of abortion on women and shows why women deserve more information before they undergo this medical procedure. January 2003

**2003 Legislative Directory, You Can Make a Difference!**

*by John L. Rustin and Jacqueline Schaffer*

Most citizens greatly underestimate the ability they have to impact the laws and regulations that govern them—especially on the state and local level. This special Legislative Contacts publication will give you the basic information you need to have an effective voice in North Carolina's public policy arena. February 2003

**Religious Freedom in Schools,  
Guidelines for Students and Teachers in Public Schools**

*Office of the N.C. Attorney General and the U.S. Department of Ed.*

One of the most contentious and confusing issues involving public education today is the proper role of religious expression in government-run schools. This paper provides information from the N.C. Attorney General's office and the U.S. Department of Education and is helpful to students, parents and teachers who have questions about the legally recognized boundaries of religious activity in public schools. March 2003

**Homeschools, The Growth and Success of Home Education**

*by Stephen Daniels*

This paper takes a closer look at the growing homeschool movement and how it has fared over the last several years. It includes an examination of the academic performance of these students and the socialization they receive. It also addresses the best approach for policymakers to take when considering the needs of homeschooling families. April 2003

**Medical Accuracy,  
The Strategy to Undermine Abstinence Education**

*by Stephen Daniels*

This paper exposes the true agenda behind efforts to require so-called "medical accuracy" in information given to teens in sex education programs and explains why an abstinence-until-marriage curriculum is the most effective means of reducing premarital sexual activity and teenage pregnancy. May 2003

**The Blue Cross Conversion,  
How It Could Affect North Carolina Families**

*by Erik S. Root*

This paper examines the impact that converting Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Carolina to a for-profit company would have on the families in North Carolina. June 2003

**HPV, Why It Matters to Adolescent Sexual Health and Education**

*by Alysse M. ElHage*

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is one of the most important and potentially dangerous STDs of today, especially when it comes to the ongoing debate over adolescent sex education in North Carolina and across the country. This paper presents the facts about HPV, discusses why it matters, and shows why abstinence from sexual activity until marriage is the only method that can successfully prevent the spread of HPV, as well as other STDs. July 2003

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**A Wall of Separation?**

**The Evolution of the Separation of Church and State**

*by Jamie McEachern*

The judicial system has taken the Establishment Clause to the extreme, thus effectively eliminating many rights under the Free Exercise Clause. This paper shows how, through judicial interpretation, the relationship between the spheres of religion and government has evolved and how those wishing to protect religious freedoms find themselves now fighting a new religion of secularism. September 2003

**Parental Rights,**

**Why They Matter and How They're Being Ignored**

*by Brooke Everley*

In the clamor to create policies to protect children, the important role of the parents is often minimized. It should be the priority of every government policy that affects children to respect and guard the fundamental rights of parents. This paper explores the legal and natural history of parental rights, the current trend away from them, and ways to reverse this trend. October 2003

**The Essence of Marriage,**

**Why It Is Only the Union of a Man and a Woman**

*by Alysse ElHage*

This paper discusses the meaning and purpose of marriage, and why the union of a man and a woman is central to this purpose and best for society. It also looks at how changing the definition of marriage to include homosexual couples would weaken the institution of marriage, and what can be done to protect it. November 2003

**Supreme Judicial Activism,**

**Analyzing the Supreme Court's "Lawrence" Ruling**

*By Gena Walling McCray*

The legislative process is the appropriate venue to establish the guidelines for the health, safety, and welfare of the community. It has been firmly established that the act of sodomy causes serious health risks. In their *Lawrence v. Texas* ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court made law rather than interpreting the law, and the Court stripped from the people the power to govern themselves. December 2003

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## Radio Shows

“Family Policy Matters,” the North Carolina Family Policy Council’s radio broadcast has been on the air since January 1999. Since that time, we have produced over 250 radio broadcasts airing on over 15 stations across North Carolina and covering a wide range of public policy issues. Each weekly 15-minute radio program features North Carolina Family Policy Council president Bill Brooks conducting interviews with researchers, attorneys, authors and other experts who provide an in-depth analysis of current public policy issues. These programs are a great way to better understand the important issues that affect your family.

In addition to being heard on stations across the state, “Family Policy Matters” is available to listeners on the internet. Most of the programs featured on this list are available for listening online on our website at [www.ncfamily.org](http://www.ncfamily.org). The following is a chronological list of each show along with a brief description of the guest and the program’s topic.

### 155. Human Cloning

with *Nigel Cameron, Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity*  
Dr. Cameron discusses the ethical questions surrounding the human cloning debate and where we should draw the line for biotechnology. 1/5/2002

### 156-157. Physician Assisted Suicide (Two Parts)

with *Dr. Ken Schemmer, general surgeon, Brea, California*  
Dr. Schemmer examines the issues of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia. 1/12/2002 and 1/19/2002

### 158. The Abortion/Breast Cancer Link

with *Karen Malac, Coalition of Abortion and Breast Cancer*  
Mrs. Malac talks about the rarely-mentioned facts linking abortion to breast cancer. 1/26/2002

### 159. Strong Women, Soft Hearts

with *Paula Rinehart, Christian counselor, author*  
Ms. Rinehart talks about her new book, *Strong Women, Soft Hearts*. 2/2/2002

### 160. A Biblical Response to Homosexuality

with *Mike Haley, youth and gender analyst, Focus on the Family*  
Mr. Haley discusses how the Church should respond to homosexuality within the culture, whether homosexuality can be prevented, and what is happening with this issue in the public schools. 2/9/2002

### 161. Federal Education Bill

with *Jennifer Marshall, Family Research Council*  
Ms. Marshall discusses the negative and positive provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. 2/16/2002

### 162. Homosexual Parenting

with *Bill Duncan, assistant director, Marriage Law Project*  
Mr. Duncan discusses the issue of homosexual parenting and why it is in the best interest of children to be raised by two parents who are married and of the opposite sex. 2/23/2002

### 163 and 166. Internet Gambling (Two Parts)

with *Tom Grey, National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling*  
Rev. Grey discusses the perils of Internet gambling and what the role of the church should be in dealing with this important issue. 3/2/2002 and 3/23/2002

### 164. Character Education

with *Ann Lee, N.C. Center for Character Education*  
Ms. Lee talks about the teaching of character education in public schools and how to implement a successful character education initiative. 3/9/2002

### 165. Abstinence Education vs. Comprehensive Sex Education with *Mike Long, abstinence educator*

Mr. Long, talks about the status of abstinence education in North Carolina and responds to some of the most common arguments against the teaching of abstinence education. 3/16/2002

### 167. Why Marriage Matters

with *Maggie Gallagher, Institute for American Values*  
Ms. Gallagher discusses the benefits of marriage and the impact of divorce and cohabitation. 3/30/2002

### 168. Why We Can’t Stay Silent

with *Tim Minnery, Focus on the Family*  
Mr. Minnery talks about his new book entitled “Why You Can’t Stay Silent: A Biblical Mandate To Shape Our Culture.” 4/6/2002

### 169. Government Supported Sex Ed Programs

with *Peter Brandt, Focus on the Family*  
Mr. Brandt discusses a report on the types of comprehensive sex education curricula being promoted by organizations like Planned Parenthood in schools across America. 4/13/2002

### 170. “We the People”

with *Ben Kinchlow, president, Ben Kinchlow Ministries*  
This show features excerpts from Mr. Kinchlow’s speech at an NCFPC dinner in Greenville, North Carolina, where he talks about how important it is for people of faith to speak out on behalf of traditional values. 4/20/2002

### 171. National Day of Prayer

with *Mark Fried, National Day of Prayer Task Force*  
Mr. Fried talks about the theme for this year’s national event, how people can be involved, and what’s happening at the state and local levels. 4/27/2002

### 172. Protecting Children on the Internet

with *Jan LaRue, Family Research Council*  
Ms. LaRue talks about her book entitled “Protecting Your Children in an X-Rated World.” 5/4/2002

### 173. Posting the Ten Commandments

with *Mat Staver, founder and president, Liberty Counsel*  
Mr. Staver talks about religious freedom and the constitutionality of posting the Ten Commandments in public buildings. 5/11/2002

### 174-175. Biblical Sexuality Morality (Two Parts)

with *Daniel Heimbach, professor, Southeastern Baptist Seminary*  
Dr. Heimbach discusses the Biblical basis for sexual purity, what the church’s response should be to those who are leading impure lives and how Christians can operate within a sexually charged society. 5/18/2002 and 5/25/2002

### 176. 2002 Short Legislative Session Preview

with *John Rustin, government relations director for the NCFPC*  
Mr. Rustin previews the 2002 short legislative session of the N.C. General Assembly including legislation that is of interest to the policy council, what these bills would do and how citizens can get involved in the process. 6/1/2002

### 177. Analyzing Planned Parenthood

with *Ed Szymkowiak, Stop Planned Parenthood International*  
Mr. Szymkowiak provides a summary and analysis of Planned Parenthood’s operations in the U.S. since 1977. 6/8/2002

### 178-179. Lottery Press Conference (Two Parts)

with various speakers  
This show features excerpts from a press conference held at the State Legislature in which the NCFPC joined a diverse group of public policy organizations to voice opposition to proposals for a state-run lottery. 6/15/2002 and 6/22/2002

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**180-181. The Emotional Impact of Abortion (Two Parts)** with Dr. Theresa Burke, psychotherapist, Rachel's Vineyard  
Dr. Burke talks about the emotional burden that women who have had an abortion feel and the obstacles that they face in our society to gain post-abortion healing. 6/26/2002 and 7/3/2002

**182. Analyzing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act** with Peter Sprigg, Family Research Council  
Mr. Sprigg talks about the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, legislation that would essentially make "sexual orientation" a protected class in the workplace. 7/13/2002

**183. Research on Changing Sexual Orientation** with Dr. Warren Throckmorton, professor, Grove City College  
Dr. Throckmorton discusses the research on the ability to change sexual orientation and religion's role in this process. 7/20/2002

**184. School Choice and North Carolina** with Lindalyn Kakadelis, director, N.C. Education Alliance  
Ms. Kakadelis explains the U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding Cleveland Ohio's school voucher program and what school choice could mean for North Carolina. 7/27/2002

**185 and 188. Does Divorce Make People Happy? (Two Parts)** with Dr. Scott Stanley, Center for Marital and Family Studies  
Dr. Stanley explains the findings of a study he coauthored that examines whether divorce results in greater happiness for couples who are in unhappy marriages. 8/3/2002 and 8/24/2002

**186-187. The Truth About a Lottery Referendum (Two Parts)** with Rev. Tom Grey, National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling  
Rev. Grey discusses the gambling industry's strategy behind the use of referenda as a method to put the state in the lottery gambling business. 8/10/2002 and 8/17/2002

**189-190. The Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002 (Two Parts)** with Douglas Johnson, National Right to Life Committee  
Mr. Johnson discusses the ban, its chances in the U.S. Senate and what North Carolinians can do. 8/31/2002 and 9/7/2002

**191. The Mythical "Wall of Separation"** with Dr. Daniel Dreisbach, professor, American University  
Dr. Dreisbach explains how Jefferson's reference to a "wall of separation" has been misinterpreted and how this has affected the relationship between government and religion. 9/14/2002

**192-193. Taxes and the Traditional Family (Two Parts)** with Dr. Allan Carlson, Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society  
Dr. Carlson discusses how traditional families are hurt by the current tax structure and how fixing it would provide enormous tax relief to families. 9/21/2002 and 9/28/2002

**194. Evolution's Effect on Society's World View** with Nancy Pearcey, senior fellow, the Discovery Institute  
Ms. Pearcey talks about how Darwin's theory of evolution has impacted education, sexuality, law and religion. 10/5/2002

**195. 2002 Legislative Session in Review** with John Rustin, government relations director for the NCFPC  
Mr. Rustin discusses various legislative victories in the 2002 Legislative Session. 10/12/2002

**196. Congress and Current Pro-Life Legislation** with Judie Brown, president, the American Life League  
Ms. Brown talks about some of the pro-life legislation that has been considered in Congress this session, and where the pro-life movement goes from here. 10/19/2002

**197. Preventing Objectionable Materials at School** with Brad Dacus, president, Pacific Justice Institute  
Mr. Dacus explains how parents can protect their children from objectionable materials and lessons at school. 10/26/2002

**198-199. Intelligent Design (Two Parts)** with John Calvert, Intelligent Design Network  
Mr. Calvert discusses the teaching of evolution in schools and the scientific theory Intelligent Design. 11/2/2002 and 11/9/2002

**200-201. The Dangers of Teen Sex (Two Parts)** with Dr. Meg Meeker, pediatrician  
Dr. Meeker discusses the dangers of teenage sexual activity and what teens are facing in today's pro-sex culture. 11/16/2002

**202. Poverty Statistics and Welfare Reform** with Dr. Janice Crouse, Beverly LaHaye Institute  
Dr. Crouse discusses the increase in poverty among single parent families and why marriage is critical to lift families out of poverty. 11/30/2002

**203. Homosexual Mentors in Big Brothers, Big Sisters** with Dr. Bill Maier, psychologist, Focus on the Family  
Dr. Maier discusses the change in policy at Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America allowing homosexuals to be mentors to children and explains what can be done in response. 12/3/2002

**204. Abortion Clinic Regulation Laws** with Dr. Denise Burke, staff counsel, Americans United for Life  
Dr. Burke discusses the current status of abortion clinic regulations around the country and why these measures are so important to the health and safety of women. 12/14/2002

**205. A Planned Parenthood Christmas** with Ed Szymkowiak, Stop Planned Parenthood International  
Mr. Szymkowiak talks about Planned Parenthood's controversial "Choice on Earth" Christmas cards. 12/21/2002

**206. Reaffirming Our Christian Heritage** with David Barton, author, speaker and expert on America's founding  
Mr. Barton discusses a law signed by President Bush reaffirming "In God We Trust" as our national motto and the phrase "One Nation Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. 12/28/2002

**207. The Impact of Religion on Teenagers** with Dr. Christian Smith, the associate chair of sociology, UNC-Chapel Hill  
Dr. Smith discusses the findings of a research study on the spiritual lives of adolescents, specifically how religion impacts teen self-esteem and behavior. 1/4/2003

**208-209. The Dangers of Population Control (Two Parts)** with Doug Sylva, Catholic Family and Human Right Institute  
Mr. Sylva discusses the dangers of the population control methods used by the United Nations Population Fund, and its involvement in forced abortion and sterilization efforts in several countries worldwide. 1/11/2003 and 1/18/2003

**210. The Health Risks of Abortion** with Dr. John Thorp, co-director, the N.C. Program for Women's Health at UNC-Chapel Hill  
Dr. Thorp explains his findings in an article he helped author that reviewed several studies on the long-term health consequences of induced abortion on women. 1/25/2003

**211. Analyzing Abortion Numbers** with Douglas Johnson, National Right to Life Committee  
Mr. Johnson talks about how pro-abortion groups minimize abortion figures and what the numbers mean for the debate over partial-birth abortion. 2/1/2003

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**212. Ministering to the Gambling Addict**

with Mike Vlack, senior writer and researcher, Church Initiative  
Mr. Vlack explains a church-based ministry designed to help problem gamblers called Chance to Change. 2/8/2002

**213. Gay-Straight Alliances in Schools**

with Peter LaBarbera, Culture and Family Institute  
Mr. LaBarbera discusses Gay-Straight Alliances, student-led homosexual clubs, and what parents can do to keep them out of their child's school. 2/15/2003

**214. Why Heroes Are Important to America**

with Dr. Peter Gibbon, Harvard Univ. Graduate School of Education  
Dr. Gibbon talks about why heroism is so important to American culture. 2/22/2003

**215. What Parents Think About Sex Education**

with Peter Brandt, Focus on the Family  
Mr. Brandt discusses parental attitudes about sex education and how it will affect the upcoming legislative debate concerning federal funding for abstinence-only sex education. 3/1/2003

**216. Building a Culture of Life**

with Bill Saunders, Family Research Council  
Mr. Saunders talks about where the pro-life movement is going thirty years after abortion was legalized and how we can build a culture of life here in North Carolina and nationwide. 3/8/2003

**217. Pro-Life Win in the U.S. Supreme Court**

with Joe Gigante, American Life League  
Mr. Gigante explains a landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court striking down an attempt by a pro-abortion group to silence abortion protesters. 3/15/2003

**218. Supreme Court Considers Homosexual Conduct**

with Glen Lavy, staff attorney, Alliance Defense Fund  
Mr. Lavy explains the *Lawrence v. Texas* case considered by the U.S. Supreme Court and what kind of impact it could have on homosexual rights nationwide. 3/22/2003

**219. Teenagers, Television and Sex**

with Mike Long, abstinence educator  
Mr. Long discusses how television affects teenagers and offers an alternative perspective on the truth about sex. 3/29/2003

**220. 2003 Legislative Session Preview**

with John L. Rustin, government relations director, NCFPC  
Mr. Rustin offers a preview of the legislation that was introduced and explains what affect these bills could have on the people of North Carolina. 4/5/2003

**221. Religion and the Courts**

with Dr. David Lowenthal, professor emeritus, Boston College  
Dr. Lowenthal explains how the federal courts have been misinterpreting the Establishment Clause and how this differs from what the founder's originally intended. 4/12/2003

**222. Domestic Partner Benefits**

with Glen Lavy, staff attorney, Alliance Defense Fund  
Mr. Lavy talks about the far-reaching impact of granting same-sex and cohabiting partners the same health and employee benefits that married couples have. 4/19/2003

**223. Census Report on Unmarried Households**

with Matt Daniels, executive director, Alliance for Marriage  
Mr. Daniels explains why a two-parent home comprised of a father and mother is the best arrangement for children and what dangers exist in cohabiting heterosexual and homosexual homes. 4/26/2003

**224. Research Supports Abstinence Education**

with Dr. Joanna Mohn, physician  
Dr. Mohn talks about a study's finding that abstinence is responsible for the drop in pregnancy and birth rates and how this research could affect the abstinence education debate. 5/3/2003

**225. Lessons from the Ohio Lottery**

with David Zanotti, president, Ohio Roundtable  
Mr. Zanotti talks about the Ohio lottery and why it has been such a failure. 5/10/2003

**226. Why Government Should Protect Marriage**

with Bridget Maher, Family Research Council  
Ms. Maher addresses the social benefits of marriage and why states like North Carolina should protect it. 5/17/2003

**227. Laci and Conner's Law**

with Wendy Wright, Concerned Women for America  
Ms. Wright talks about federal legislation that would recognize the unborn child as a victim in acts of violence against pregnant women and the need for such laws at the state level. 5/24/2003

**228. Guidelines for Religious Expression in Schools**

with Mat Staver, founder and president, Liberty Counsel  
Mr. Staver discusses the U.S. Department of Education's guidelines outlining the parameters for religious activity in public schools. 5/31/2003

**229. Educational Concerns of Parents and Teachers**

with Mark Fey, Focus on the Family  
Mr. Fey discusses the educational concerns of parents, teachers and students and how changes in our culture have contributed to the problems in today's schools. 6/7/2003

**230. The Special Needs of Children of Divorce**

with Elizabeth Marquardt, Institute for American Values  
Ms. Marquardt talks about the moral and spiritual needs of children of divorce and how the Church can reach out to children and adults from broken families. 6/14/2003

**231-232. Natural Law: What We Can't Not Know (Two Parts)**

with J. Budziszewski, professor, University of Texas  
Mr. Budziszewski explains the relationship between "natural law" and absolute truth. He also discusses why natural law supports the idea of a traditional family and what consequence may follow by breaking these natural laws. 6/21/2003 and 6/28/2003

**233. Human Cloning and the AMA**

with Carrie Gordon Earll, Focus on the Family  
Ms. Earll talks about the American Medical Association's decision to support cloning for research purposes and its potential impact on the debate in Congress to ban the procedure. 7/5/2003

**234. The Impact of *Lawrence v. Texas***

with Kelly Shackelford, Liberty Legal Institute  
Mr. Shackelford discusses the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to strike down a Texas law barring homosexual sex and how this ruling impacts other state's sodomy laws. 7/12/2003

**235. How Teen Sex Hurts Women**

with Melissa Pardue, Heritage Foundation  
Ms. Pardue explains the detrimental effects of early sexual activity among women. 7/19/2003

**236. The Dangers of Physician Assisted Suicide**

with Wesley Smith, International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide  
Mr. Smith talks about the dangers of legalizing assisted suicide and euthanasia. 7/26/2003

**237. Victory for Parents at N.C. Supreme Court**

*with Jim Mason, Home School Legal Defense Association*

Mr. Mason explains the details of a N.C. Supreme Court ruling upholding the rights of parents. 8/2/2003

**238. NCFPC Legal Intern Insights**

*with Brooke Everley and Jamie McEachern, NCFPC interns*

Ms. Everley and McEachern discuss what they have learned about public policy during their time with the NCFPC and explain some of the findings from their research in the fields of parental rights and religious freedom. 8/9/2003

**239. Marriage and Family in America**

*with Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, National Marriage Project*

Ms. Dafoe Whitehead discusses trends related to marriage and children in American over the past year. 8/16/2003

**240-241. Threats from the Homosexual Agenda (Two Parts)**

*with Alan Sears, president, Alliance Defense Fund*

Mr. Sears discusses some of the strategies used by homosexual advocates and offers advice to pro-family advocates on what they can do to fight back. 8/23/2003 and 8/30/2003

**242. See You at the Pole - Student's Rights**

*with Joshua Carden, staff attorney, Alliance Defense Fund*

Mr. Carden explains the "See You at the Pole" school prayer event, the rights of students and what they can do if they encounter resistance at their school for holding the event. 9/6/2003

**243. Day Care Deception**

*with Brian Robertson, author and researcher*

Mr. Robertson explores the hidden agenda behind the promotion of early child care and what the real child care crisis is in America today. 9/13/2003

**244. Ten Commandments and our Nation's History**

*with David Barton, author, speaker and expert on America's founding*

Mr. Barton addresses questions about the Ten Commandments and the role that they played in our nation's founding. 9/20/2003

**245. Choosing Age-Appropriate Films**

*with Bob Smithouser, Focus on the Family*

Mr. Smithouser offers some suggestions to parents on selecting movies for their adolescents. 9/27/2003

**246. The Importance of Family Dinners**

*with Joseph Califano, National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse*

Mr. Califano discusses research that demonstrates how family dinners are a way to keep kids away from drugs and alcohol. 10/4/2003

**247-248. Defending Traditional Marriage (Two Parts)**

*with Peter Sprigg, Family Research Council*

Mr. Sprigg explains efforts to preserve traditional marriage including the Federal Marriage Amendment and ways that people can get involved in the effort to protect marriage in the United States. 10/11/2003 and 10/18/2003

**249. The Dangers of RU-486—the Abortion Pill**

*with Wendy Wright, Concerned Women for America*

Ms. Wright discusses how the abortion pill RU-486 works, whether it's safe for women and why her organization has petitioned the Food and Drug Administration to withdraw its approval of the abortion pill. 10/25/2003

**250. Education Choice in North Carolina**

*with Dr. Karen Palasek, N.C. Education Alliance*

Dr. Palasek discusses her findings in "Choice in North Carolina Education: 2003" including what school choice options currently exist and why there are so few choices available to families in North Carolina. 11/1/2003

**251. Homeschooling and Socialization**

*with Tom Washburne, National Center for Home Education*

Mr. Washburne explains the findings in a new research study that finds that socialization is not a problem for homeschool students. 11/8/2003

**252. How Feminism Hurts the Family**

*with Phyllis Schlafly, president, Eagle Forum*

Ms. Schlafly talks about her book "Feminist Fantasies" and how feminism has robbed women of health, happiness and security. 11/15/2003

**253-254. Marriage: What It Is (Two Parts)**

*with Maggie Gallagher, Institute for Marriage and Public Policy*

Ms. Gallagher confronts some of the most common arguments made to justify same-sex "marriage" including whether marriage is a basic human right and what role children play in the purpose of marriage. 11/22/2003 and 11/29/2003

**255. The Dangers of Pornography**

*with Jan LaRue, chief counsel, Concerned Women for America*

Ms. LaRue discusses the effects of pornography on children, marriages and even the economy. She also explains the government's role in the fight against pornography and what parents should do to keep their children safe from this threat. 12/6/2003

**256. Religious Expression at Christmas**

*with Michael Johnson, Alliance Defense Fund*

Mr. Johnson explains the rights that students and teachers have when it comes to expressing their religious beliefs in the public school during the Christmas season. 12/13/2003

**257. Religion and State Scholarship Funds**

*with Patrick Gillen, Thomas More Law Center*

Mr. Gillen talks about the *Locke v. Davey* case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, which will decide whether a college student who majors in theology can be denied state scholarship funds. 12/20/2003

**258. Advances in Adult Stem Cell Research**

*with Wesley Smith, author and senior fellow, Discovery Institute*

Mr. Smith talks about stem cell research, why adult stem cells have the best potential for treating diseases and why the media is ignoring this potential. 12/27/2003

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