

The Pledge

We've heard a lot of controversy about the pledge of allegiance and whether the "under God" phrase should be used. Most modern conservatives argue loudly for it, proudly and articulately uttering "under God" as they make their pledge. Many liberals, on the other hand, defiantly omit the words with equal conviction.

It seems that everybody is arguing about this red herring phrase and ignoring the fact that they are pledging allegiance to (1) a flag and (2) a government erroneously referred to as "*one nation*".

This pledge in its original form was initiated by a socialist, Francis Bellamy, of Rome, New York. It was designed for school children and was recited by 12 million of them on October 12, 1892 starting a ritual in public schools.

There were other wording changes as years went by, and in 1942 Congress officially recognized it as the Pledge of Allegiance. An amendment in June, 1954 added the words "under God". Also the custom of holding one's hand outstretched toward the flag was changed to putting it over the heart.

The public (government) school system has been in the business of molding young minds to the government's own advantage for a long time. They understand and ply the trade of social engineering through education. Many who grew up and experienced the government school version of "education" have recited this pledge so many times that it is almost never questioned, and becomes to them a proud display of patriotism. Any who refuse to participate are considered unpatriotic and are eyed suspiciously by liberals and conservatives alike.

But, let's take a very brief objective look at these two elements -

First is the pledge to the flag: "*I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America...*"

Etymology: allegiance, 1399, from Anglo-Fr. *legaunce* "loyalty of a liege - man to his lord," from O.Fr. *legeance*, from *liege* (*feudal lord*).

The U.S. Flag Code, Section 4 (j) states "*The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing.*" When you stand, face the flag, hold your right hand over your heart and make a vow of fealty to a dead piece of cloth that is proclaimed by law to be a living thing, the word "idolatry" should come to mind.

Second is the pledge to the U.S. Central Government: "*...and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*"

We all should know that states' sovereignty and thus the original constitutional republic ended with the military defeat of the Southern Confederacy in 1865 by the U.S. Federal Government, supported by the northern states. The idea that the various states, nations and territories under the rule of the U.S. Central Government (for which that flag stands) could be construed as "*one nation*" is historically incorrect. It is, however, without question the intent of these social engineers to create one amalgamated nation with central absolute power as can be seen by their systematic attempts to destroy the use and intent of the Constitution, assault the character and symbols of Christianity and the South, as well as creating a single base culture under the guise of "multiculturalism". The word "*indivisible*" was put into this pledge because the author believed that a strong central, indivisible government was required to achieve an ideal socialist society, and at that time Southern nationalism was still strong. Future thoughts of Southern states "deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed" would not be tolerated, so their children had to be trained to accept the absolute authority of the central government. The flag code also requires the Federal flag to be flown in a superior position to the Christian flag, which is an interesting way of symbolizing their "*nation under God*". How many churches proudly fly the Federal government flag above the Christian flag on their front lawn and parrot this pledge convinced they are doing a good thing?

The Federal government should pledge allegiance to the Constitution and to the several States who own the powers delegated to it. Each State government should pledge allegiance to its people, landowners, taxpayers, voters, legal citizens, from whom it derives its just powers. The people should pledge allegiance to God, their Creator from whom they have their rights and liberties.

There was a time when our Southern forefathers were forced to "swallow the dog" and make a loyalty oath at the point of a Yankee bayonet. Today most will happily recite a loyalty oath to the Yankee empire with no threat at all. They will join the Yankee military and proudly fight in their foreign exploits. They now find hope in Lincoln's own Republican Party for "restoring" the republic it destroyed. It's not easy to find a true and informed Southerner today.

If you want freedom, it is your responsibility to educate yourself and your children. Don't depend on the government schools or today's government worshipping churches to do it! If you want tyranny, do nothing. They are bringing it to you, and these loyalty oaths will no longer be optional. - db