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Evolution of the Revolution

Posterity—you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it.
--John Quincy Adams

The Supreme Court this week struck down a Texas sodomy law, affirmed race-based admission policies for universities, and overturned the convictions of thousands of child molesters. The disappointing, but not unexpected decisions, were among 80-plus rulings of the high court—many ranging from ungodly to just plain god-awful.

Addressing the sodomy decision in *Lawrence v. Texas*, the Christian Coalition of America said, "The U.S. Constitution never intended the Supreme Court to arrogate so much power to themselves resulting in such bad decisions as this one and 'Roe v. Wade' in 1973.

The *Washington Post* (June 27) similarly scolded the Court, saying, "By pre-empting the democratic processes 30 years ago ('Roe v. Wade'), the court caused the current environment of sometimes violent cultural division that is natural when a law is handed down from above without majority support. As if Roe didn't cause enough hostility in society, the court has again prevented a contentious issue from working itself out through the 50 laboratories of democracy known as states—as if the opinion of communities doesn't matter."

Lower court rulings issued this week also give the impression that the Judiciary believes that virtue must not have the upper hand in law over vice. Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore was ordered yesterday by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals to remove a granite monument depicting the Ten Commandments from the Alabama State Judicial Building. In Texas, a U.S. District Court ruled that the state must continue funding Planned Parenthood despite a new law prohibiting abortion providers from receiving funds earmarked for legitimate family planning services.

In light of the peculiar one-sided rulings that have been issued during this Fourth of July holiday, we believe it is fitting to let the experts testify to these matters.

WARNING AGAINST JUDICIAL ACTIVISM

"The first principle of republicanism is that the *lex majoris partis* is the fundamental law of every society of individuals of equal rights. Ours was to be a country where the majority imposed its rule on society, not a nation where a minority routinely used unelected judges to impose its will on the majority." (Letter to Dupont de Nemours, 1816)

"Can it be believed that under the jealousies prevailing against the General Government at the adoption of the Constitution, the States meant to surrender the authority of preserving order or enforcing moral duties and restraining vice within their own territory? Can any good be effected by taking from the States the moral rule of their citizens and subordinating it to the general authority?" (Letter to William Johnson, 1823) --Thomas Jefferson

"Whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government, and all the blessings which flow from them, must fall with them." ¹

--Jedediah Morse

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT V. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

"[T]he Ten Commandments...are the sum of the moral law." ² ---John Witherspoon

"We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God." ³

--James Madison

"The principles of genuine liberty, and of wise laws and administrations, are to be drawn from the Bible and sustained by its authority. The man, therefore, who weakens or destroys the divine authority of that Book may be accessory to all the public disorders which society is doomed to suffer."

--Noah Webster

"The right to freedom being the gift of the Almighty...The rights of the colonists as Christians...may be best understood by reading and carefully studying the institution of The Great Law Giver and Head of the Christian Church, which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament."

--Samual Adams

RELIGION AND VIRTURE NECESSARY FOR LIBERTY AND PROSPERITY

"Republican government loses half of its value, where the moral and social duties are...negligently practiced. To exterminate our popular vices is a work of far more importance to the character and happiness of our citizens, than any other improvements in our system of education."

--Noah Webster

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great Pillars...where is the security for prosperity, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert..."

--George Washington

"Righteousness alone can exalt them as a nation. . . Whoever thou art, remember this, and in thy sphere practice virtue thyself, and encourage it in others."

--Patrick Henry

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion...Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

--John Adams

It is evident that unlike our Founders, many of our judges today do not like to retain God in their knowledge, and God has given them over to a debased mind (Romans 1:28 paraphrased). We must therefore, continue to pray for our rulers as we are commanded, and especially pray that President Bush will use wisdom in all of his federal appointments.

Our blessings to each of you for a wonderful Fourth of July holiday!

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¹ All quotes except as otherwise noted are from: America's God And Country, Feder, Wm., 1994, Fame Pub., Coppell, TX

² Original Intent: The Courts the Constitution, & Religion, Barton, David, 1996, WallBuilder Press, Aledo, TX., pg. 173