
Subject: "...under God"

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Quote:I hate it when people attempt to change things our nation as been doing since its creation just because of what the minority of the people think.

Methinks you need a little lesson in the history of the Pledge:

Quote:I pledge allegiance
to my Flag,
and to the Republic
for which it stands
one Nation,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.

Recognize that? Let me clue you in if you don't: That's the pledge of allegiance as it was originally written in the 1870's (it was written after the Civil War ended). The Pledge as we know it today is actually the SECOND revision; the first changed "to my flag" to "to the Flag of the United States of America." The second revision, made during the Cold War, added "under God."

Quote:Im not a church goer per say, but removing "under God" to me is defacing the very pledge itself.

Not defacing...as you can see from the way the original Pledge was worded, it is actually bringing it closer to the way it was to begin with.

Quote:If you think there is no god then you shouldnt have a problem giving a fake pledge to him then should you? Just pretend it isnt there.

Let me put it this way: would a Christian want to say a pledge that has the words "to no God" in it? No...because they believe that there IS a God. To speak those words, to them, is to speak a lie...which, if I remember correctly, is a sin. See what I'm getting at here? Just because you don't believe in God doesn't mean you don't believe lying is wrong, and to speak against one's own beliefs is, by definition, exactly that.

Quote:The fact is, if you take this away, then You take away the Declaration too and you cannot do that because what will School kids learn about our country? nothing.

The Declaration and the Pledge aren't very closely related, as you should know by now if you've read the rest of this post. The Pledge was written nearly a century later, and it didn't reach its current form until the mid-twentieth century.

However, people SHOULD know the history of the Pledge- and ALL its incarnations. I would never try to deny that the current Pledge exists; it represents a period in our nation's history.

Removing the words "under God" from the pledge won't erase it from history, nor will it result in

people not knowing about the history of the country...in fact, the reason why so many people oppose such a change is that they honestly believe that this is the original Pledge- which it is not. Because those words are in there, you DON'T know as much about the history of this country as you thought you did.

Personally, I would like to see the original Pledge brought back- it is a far more personal oath. It excludes no one, and makes you feel like you are part of your country, rather than someone on the outside being controlled by it.
