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Subject: "...under God"

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I do not believe in a god, so why on earth would I make a pledge to my country "United Under God".

Not only is it offensive for me to have to declare there is a god JUST to pledge my allegiance to my country, but it is also unconstitutional.

That's right. Not only might the "new" pledge (it existed longer without the words 'under god' than it has WITH the words added) violate the establishment clause of the US Constitution, but US Citizens are specifically protected from having to make a religious pledge for any government procedure.

Teddy Roosevelt, when he was inaugurated, refused to swear in on a Bible, citing its UNconstitutionality and it's UnAmerican implications.

Quote: The original Pledge was drafted by a Methodist minister yet did not include the words "under God." That phrase was only added later, by Congress, to distinguish America from "godless communism."

Congress's addition is not worth defending. What distinguishes the United States from Communist societies is that we tolerate the godless and god-loving alike, not that we favor the god-loving.  
<http://www.cnn.com/2004/LAW/03/26/hamilton.pledge/>

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