
Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [icedog90](#) on Sun, 09 Jan 2005 23:39:30 GMT

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I found this in the n00bstories forums and I just cannot believe this. This guy is a hypocrite, trying to remove "under God" out of the pledge for his daughter's sakes is so full of utter crap. What is this country becoming?

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Posted by [Panther](#) on Sun, 09 Jan 2005 23:51:36 GMT

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Which leaves to the question of why "God" is so extremely offending. I just said God, I don't think anyone in these forums are going to hack me or anything just because of that. What is so offending about saying God? Is it because some people don't want to even be reminded about something they don't believe in? I find that pathetic.

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Posted by [Panther](#) on Sun, 09 Jan 2005 23:58:51 GMT

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The thing of it is that it seems like you're pledging allegiance to God. Or that God is somehow the ruler of America. To Athiests, Buddhists, Muslims, Jews, etc. this is simply not true. It seems ludicrous to Christians, but think of it this way:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands- one nation, under Allah, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 00:01:29 GMT

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This is how I look at it:

I don't necessarily think that it should have been put in there because of the idea of separation of church and state. I am a Christian and am happy that it does, in fact, say "under God," but I can also see why some may find offensive. I also find it quite pathetic that people are wanting it removed. It's the same as people getting so pissed off about "Christ" in "Christmas". Since it has been put in there, I don't think that there should be a problem with it. If you don't believe in God, then fine, just look at it as a "security blanket" for the Christians and scoff at us. I don't care. It's not a big deal. Get over yourselves.

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Posted by [icedog90](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 00:03:24 GMT

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Yeah, it's funny how only Christianity "offends" people, yet we celebrate what used to be Pagan holidays and NOBODY whines about that. It's just Christianity that hurts people's feelings.

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Posted by [Majiin Vegeta](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 00:43:27 GMT

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these threads are funny

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Posted by [Panther](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 00:48:21 GMT

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Posted by [glyde51](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 00:48:56 GMT

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Some people find that having "god" in the pledge forces them against their will to acknowledge Christianity and that the god of Christianity is real. It's kind of saying "We're a diverse place, but you have to acknowledge our god to become part of it."

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Christmas isn't the only Pagan holiday.

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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. Im not a church goer per say, but removing "under God" to me is defacing the very pledge itself. If your a different religion then Christian, think of it as your God or Gods if your polytheistic(yes all two of you), or if your athiest, dont let it bother you so much. 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. 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.

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Posted by [rm5248](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 02:34:05 GMT

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I pledge allegiance
To the flag
Of the United states of America.
And to the republic
For which it stands
One nation
Under political correctness
With liberty and justice for all.

Or, we could just pledge to C&C...

The official Pledge to Command And Conquer

I pledge allegiance
To the game
Of Command and Conquer [Renegade]
And to the series
For which it stands
One series,
Made great by Westwood
Destroyed by EA
With killing and blood for all

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LOL, that's great.

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Gbull, you've got your facts wrong.

"In 1954, Congress after a campaign by the Knights of Columbus, added the words, 'under God,' to the Pledge. The Pledge was now both a patriotic oath and a public prayer."

It was added 51 years ago-- not since our country's creation.

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Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 03:37:51 GMT

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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."

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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.

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Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 03:45:11 GMT

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Easter is Pagan.

Christmas is Pagan.

New Years is Pagan, or very close to it.

Halloween is Pagan.

Most of our "religious holidays" are in reality Pagan.

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Posted by [Fabian](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 03:51:30 GMT

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Panther

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands- one nation, under Allah, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

FYI, "Allah" is just the Arabic word for "God." So you're saying the same thing.

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Posted by [glyde51](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 03:56:10 GMT

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No, God is "different" than Allah, they have the same meaning, but are different. If I were to say "We are diverse, but you must pledge to recognise our God" doesn't that say something?

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Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 04:44:34 GMT

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God is a far too General term, besides who wouldn't want someone like God on their side?

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Posted by [Aircraftkiller](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 07:17:40 GMT

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The Christian God's real name is not God.

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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 10:53:00 GMT

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Nuke, I believe you because looking back i think thats the way we said it when i was a kid, because the school i was going to at the time had to cut back and so we had to ditch the new fangled pledge and use the old one

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Posted by [Spony_old](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 12:04:26 GMT

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the day people look too deeply into things like this, is the day which signals the beginning of the end of civilisation

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Posted by [Crimson](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 12:49:53 GMT

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 13:17:00 GMT

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How about we think of it this way? The guy who added it was a christian. He added god. His god? The Christian god. So lets say you like allah... Say allah. Do whatever just don't ruin it for others. I'm proud to say One nation, under god.

Also the pledge sounds really stupid without "Under god" Your just like, "what it's over? huh?"

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Posted by [glyde51](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 13:54:26 GMT

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"One nation, under Allah."

If I had the power and I changed it to that, what would you say?

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Posted by [Spoony_old](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 14:41:15 GMT

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Posted by [SuperMidget](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 15:17:11 GMT

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Posted by [Jecht](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 17:35:31 GMT

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The World has always been a scary place. That hasnt changed a bit. Not to cut you down, but it was the average conception that countries love us that spawned the illusion of a Comforting buffer between us and our enemies. While in fact it may have worked for a while, now most Americans know the truth, that we do in fact have enemies.

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 18:19:55 GMT

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America and Canada are polar opposites in this respect (for the most part and that is not a good thing). While America rejects the idea of politics and religion being involved (ideally), Here we get dumb ideas such as introducing a muslim-only judicial system (Canadian muslims will be judged by Muslim law, not Canadian law). It's hasn't been certified, but it has been introduced and is being debated. Seeing as how the Canadian government is all about the little people (as in, anyone who can gather support and wants something done, regardless of practicality), it will probably happen.

Of course, we are the same as such that it seems the Christian religion is the only religion that gets the short end of the stick.

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Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 20:53:06 GMT

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This is nothing like banning Christmas decorations in public (which, IMHO, is a retarded idea). That is how the Pledge was to begin with; the original pledge did not have "under God" in it. I do not doubt that there are people who think all mention of religion should be banned from public altogether, but I will state plainly that I am not one of them. What I want is for the ORIGINAL Pledge to be used in place of its twice-revised first cousin that we have now.

Now, if you went and removed all mention of God from the Declaration of Independence, THAT would be wrong. Why? Because that is the way it was originally written. Once the words are altered, the meaning behind them is changed; this is what has happened to the Pledge over the years. Returningt he Pledge to the way it was when it was first written, to me, would be reviving a piece of history that seems to be completely lost to many people.

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The Pledge is meant to be all-inclusive. It is meant for all citizens of the United States. In its current form, it excludes millions of Americans whose love for their country is as great as anyone else's- but because some politicians back in the 50's forgot that not all Americans believe in a single God (or any god at all), they are not covered by it.

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Posted by [Fabian](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 21:59:04 GMT

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glyde51 "One nation, under Allah."

If I had the power and I changed it to that, what would you say?

I would say, "why the random non-english word?"

If you translated the United States pledge into Arabic, the word "Allah" would show up. It's the same word.

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 10 Jan 2005 23:22:26 GMT

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Nukeit: Your first point would be valid if it was never changed in the first place. However, now that the damage has been done (the original was changed to include God), people have to live with it. By removing it because it is unacceptable to include God, you are now excluding every religious person out there (or, if you so wish to debate it as such, the Christians)

So, I guess it comes down to who do you want to exclude more? Athiests or religious people?

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Thats exactly what I was saying. The "Under God" aspect has nothing to do with the pledging allegiance with God.

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Wrong again (geeze, I thought repeating myself in my posts was bad form, but even then people can't understand).

I mentioned nothing, anywhere, about it losing it's meaning.

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Congratulation attacking someone's question as though it was a statement... Hint: When a phrase includes the grammatical expression "?", it is then turned from a statement into a question. To further explain myself (are people here so bad a grammar they can not understand the concept of a question?), it was a question intened to make people think of what the answer may be.

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Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Tue, 11 Jan 2005 04:25:13 GMT

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This is just rediculous. I'm atheist, I couldn't believe any less in god(s)/religions/etc. if I tried, and yet I couldn't care less that they have "under god" in the pledge, and I'd happily say it, and I think that it's just stupid that people are trying to get it removed.

Subject: Re: "...under God"

Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Tue, 11 Jan 2005 22:00:14 GMT

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icedog90http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&cid=519&ncid=519&e=29&u=/ap/20050107/ap_on_re_us/inauguration_prayer

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Subject: Re: "...under God"

Posted by [AlostSOul](#) on Wed, 12 Jan 2005 01:13:55 GMT

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Look people, no matter how you look at it, there is never going to be a "right " way on how this situation goes. There are going to be people that agree and disagree. But no matter how you look at it, the popular politician is always going to win. No matter if the other party has very good issues to counter argue with. It's been like that since Reagan was in office.

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Posted by [Vitaminous](#) on Wed, 12 Jan 2005 05:52:39 GMT

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Quit it.

Subject: Re: "...under God"

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 12 Jan 2005 17:24:19 GMT

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AlostSOullt's been like that since Reagan was in office.I sure hope you didn't mean that in a derogatory manner.

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Posted by [Toolstyle](#) on Thu, 13 Jan 2005 00:04:10 GMT

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He's completely right. Christianity, Judaism and Islam have the same God (Allah, Jehovah whatever) Christianity and Islam stem from Judaism. However while Christians believe Jesus was God's son Muslims and Jews believe he was a prophet. Jews believe Moses was the most important prophet while Muslims believe Abraham was (I think) these three diverging beliefs are

the problem in Palestine (along with land claims.)...that and the fact the Islam is a lot less tolerant of other religions and beliefs.

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Posted by [rm5248](#) on Thu, 13 Jan 2005 01:10:12 GMT

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You see, we all in a similar faith, yet we all hate each other.

Quote:that and the fact the Islam is a lot less tolerant of other religions and beliefs.

FYI, when the Muslims captured regions, the inhabitants were allowed to practice their own religion as long as they paid a special tax. Of course, Islam might have changed in the past 1000 years, but that's what they used to do at least. I believe that they would only embark on wars to spread their faith, they did generally not go to war to make an area change religion.

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Mohammad is actually the most important prophet in Islam.

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This was only true in a few instances in Islam's history, and during those times, people of other religions were not allowed to convert muslims to their religion, or they would be executed for breaking Islamic law. They basically existed as second-class citizens and were executed if they tried to convert muslims.

Islam is not as tolerant a religion as everyone likes to think it is.

I am not claiming to be the end-all knower of all that is true about Islam, but it is the best (and nicest) way for me to express the way I feel about the religion (actually, if you ask me, Islam is a dangerous religion of intolerance and fear and is currently the greatest catalyst of international turmoil in the world today; just look at the hellhole the Middle East has become) (I know most of what I just said is an exaggeration, but it does make a guy wonder just how Islam can truly be the religion of "peace" and "tolerance" that everyone likes to say it is when it is so often used to recruit terrorists and oppress millions of people in countries all over the world; just what is it that Osama bin Laden seems to be "misinterpreting" all the time that moves men to blow themselves up in busy marketplaces?).

On a bit more unrelated note, the way I see it is both Jews and Christians worship the same God; Christians just believe that the messiah, Jesus Christ, has already come, while today's Jews don't believe that Jesus Christ was the messiah, except for Messianic Jews, of course.

It seems muslims, though, have taken bits and pieces from those two religions and created their own religion completely separate from either of the two. I find it ironic how muslims use the Torah, Psalms, and "Gospel of Jesus," all major parts of the Bible, as sacred Islamic texts in addition to the Koran, when the Koran contradicts many of what is written in each of those documents.

Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [Doitle](#) on Thu, 13 Jan 2005 13:30:02 GMT

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Seal thats a good point about the translationg. And Glyde I would say "ok you say Allah, I'll say God". I didn't say the US should CHANGE it to anything I said you can say whatever you want depending on your beleifs and such. Even you atheists, "One nation, under nothing...". (Athesists aside from Pheonix though, he's got the right attitude)

Subject: "...under God"
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Thu, 13 Jan 2005 15:14:09 GMT
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The Koran is about peace. Those who use it for war have misinterperated it.

Subject: "...under God"
Posted by [Toolstyle](#) on Thu, 13 Jan 2005 18:22:57 GMT
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hydra1945Mohammad is actually the most important prophet in Islam.

I just found that out today and was going to correct myself but it seems you already have thank you.

Of course not ALL Muslims are hook handed bomb loaded psychopaths screaming about the evils of the West. I have several friends who are Muslims and, as of yet, completely failed to try and blow me up.

Subject: "...under God"
Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Fri, 14 Jan 2005 05:24:55 GMT
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Its just the separation of church and state thing again.

Frankly I don't care. I don't say the pledge and I believe that the Muslim and Christian gods are the same.

But I don't see why this guy is going to court etc. His daughter doesn't have to say the pledge. Nobody forces you to.

Subject: "...under God"
Posted by [icedog90](#) on Fri, 14 Jan 2005 07:03:06 GMT
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Christianity doesn't have gods.

Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Sat, 15 Jan 2005 03:22:08 GMT

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yes, Christianity isnt polythiestic

Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Sat, 15 Jan 2005 03:49:17 GMT

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Well I know that. I just thought it was only correct to make it plural as I was talking about the gods of 2 different religions.

Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [Gizbotvas](#) on Sat, 15 Jan 2005 19:46:26 GMT

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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/>

Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [Sir Phoenixx](#) on Sat, 15 Jan 2005 20:08:20 GMT

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You're not forced to say 'under god', you're not even forced to say the pledge or to even stand up and acknowledge it, you choose to say it.

Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [icedog90](#) on Sat, 15 Jan 2005 22:21:28 GMT

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He's right... People just take this WAY too seriously.

Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [bigjoe14](#) on Sun, 16 Jan 2005 01:01:57 GMT

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If you're so offended by saying something, that you don't even have to say in the first place, then why don't you just shut up and not say anything at all?

Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [cowmisfit](#) on Sun, 16 Jan 2005 03:08:37 GMT

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GOD BLESS YOU ALL, (Not your god, my god, you know HIM)

I hope you all were very VERY offended by this, oh and go on tv about it too and try to overthrow the values this nation was founded on while you're at it.

Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [Hydra](#) on Sun, 16 Jan 2005 04:58:42 GMT

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The pledge does not violate the establishment clause of the Constitution. It is not unconstitutional. People just make that stuff up because they're too insecure in their own atheistic beliefs to be "offended" by two little words in the Pledge of Allegiance. If they were more firm in their beliefs, they wouldn't care that the pledge says "under God" or that the national motto on our currency is "In God we trust."

They were biblical principles upon which this great nation was founded, so what's so wrong about recognizing them? Why do you people continue pissing on the principles that give you the right to piss on them in the first place?

Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [warranto](#) on Sun, 16 Jan 2005 07:59:50 GMT

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Foolish Hydra. Do you not know that to acknowledge and recognizing something is the same as following the principle that it stands for?

Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [Nodbugger](#) on Sun, 16 Jan 2005 18:12:34 GMT

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warrantoFoolish Hydra. Do you not know that to acknowledge and recognizing something is the same as following the principle that it stands for?

If you think God doesn't exist you shouldn't have a problem with it.

It would be similar to someone playing an Alien in a movie, but they think Aliens don't exist.

Subject: "...under God"

Posted by [warranto](#) on Sun, 16 Jan 2005 19:15:10 GMT

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hmm.. and I thought that with the over-the-top view of this my sarcasm would be evident.
