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President's Report

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Thank you everyone who signed up or renewed their PA Nonbeliever membership for 2020. PA Nonbelievers memberships run on the calendar year, so all 2020 memberships will expire on December 31, 2020. If you would like to continue or become a member of PA Nonbelievers, we can take your memberships directly online. You can start or renew your membership today at: <http://www.panonbelievers.org/membership/>. You can also use the printable form and send your membership in through the postal service, if you prefer.

Your donations and participation in PAN events help the mission to educate, challenge, promote, and advocate for non-belief, skeptical rational thinking, the scientific method, civil rights, and the separation of church and state. If you renew or start your membership by February 29, 2020, you will also be able to vote for board members at the PA Nonbelievers annual meeting on March 7th. If you are interested in joining the board, you can also make yourself available to be voted onto the board at the annual meeting. We currently have vacant board seats that need to be filled and some current board member whose term will be ending this year.

As mentioned above, PA Nonbelievers will be having the annual meeting at the York Unitarian Universalist Church, located at 925 South George St, York, PA 17403 on Saturday March 7th, from 12 to 2 PM. In addition to voting for board members, it will also be a potluck and meet and greet with fellow atheist humanists from around Central PA. Check for more details on the York Annual Meeting on Meetup.com and Facebook in February.

Festival Season is Coming!



Atheist News in Pennsylvania – The Nation – The World!

Right to Proselytize

A Harrisburg-based “legal center” has sent letters to 55 school districts claiming that their policies violate students’ First Amendment right to speak freely about religion.

According to an article in the York *Dispatch*, www.yorkdispatch.com, several central Pennsylvania school districts are among those that have received letters from the Independence Law Center. The districts are Annville-Cleona, Cornwall Lebanon and Palmyra in Lebanon County; Derry Township, Steelton-Highspire and Lower Dauphin in Dauphin County; and Spring Grove and Eastern York in York County. The letters state that the organization will file a federal lawsuit against the school districts if it does not correct what it calls violations by April 1.

The Harrisburg-based Independence Law Center often targets what it considers to be legal violations related to preventing Christians from practicing free religious speech. On its website, www.independencelaw.org, the Center describes itself as “a public-interest law firm affiliated with the Pennsylvania Family Institute, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization funded through tax-deductible contributions that works to preserve religious liberty, promote marriage and the family, and protect human life.”

The *Dispatch* article detailed the charges against the two York school districts. The legal center claims that Eastern York has two objectionable policies: Policy 913, which forbids students from distributing any materials that “denigrate a religion or its practices, or that are derogatory toward any religious group.” The other policy, Policy 220, prohibits students from establishing the “supremacy of any religion, sect or point of view.” Spring Grove has wording like Policy 220.

Last year the legal center won a case against three PA districts in federal court, winning the right for students to distribute Bibles during lunch. *PANViews* wonders if the legal center will be comfortable with student distributing the Koran, or the Book of Mormon – or Richard Dawkins’ *The God Delusion*?



Sexual Abuse Among the Amish

Cosmopolitan (www.cosmopolitan.com) reports on sexual abuse among the Amish. The article does an excellent job of detailing the abuse and explaining why it is difficult for victims to report the abuse or leave Amish society.

According to the article, there are approximately 342,000 Amish in North America. It is a fast-growing sect, because of high birth rates, and because members seldom leave. The author, Sarah McClure, notes that she found 52 cases of child sexual abuse in 7 states over the last 20 years. She points out that this understates what's actually going on; the victims explained that they were discouraged from reporting the crime to police or getting any kind of outside help. One victim told McClure that she would be "mocked or blamed."

Although there is not a lot of good news in the article, Lancaster County emerges as a brighter spot. The story quotes Linda Crockett, founder and director of Safe Communities, a Lancaster organization that works to prevent sexual abuse about changes in the Amish response: "But I have seen a real uptick over the past 10 years in Amish women coming forward. They hear about each other—not on Twitter or Facebook, but there's a strong communication system within these communities. They draw courage and strength from each other." Lancaster Judge Craig Stedman, who has worked on a task force that helps the Amish access law enforcement and social services, notes that he gets phone calls from victims, sometimes from Amish men calling on behalf of women.

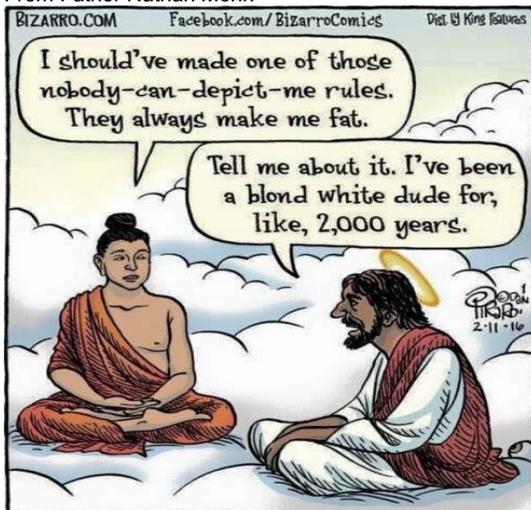
The Amish expect the victims to share responsibility, and after the church punishes the abuser, to forgive. When cases end up in court – which does not happen often – large numbers of the abuser's congregation show up, supporting the abuser. Stedman says, "We've had cases where there'll be 50 Amish people standing up for the offender and no one speaks for the victim." One particularly disquieting detail is that victims are often sent to an unlicensed Amish or Mennonite "mental health" facility, where they are given drugs, supposedly to help them sleep. One victim's medical record show that she received olanzapine, an antipsychotic medication that treats mental illnesses like schizophrenia. The victims report being too drugged to complain about anything.

Victims can find help listening to *The Plain People's Podcast*, which features stories of Amish and Mennonite sexual abuse. The show reports receiving "hundreds of messages" from people who want help reporting an abuser, or just want to share their story.

Lancaster County is in the forefront of efforts to reform Amish culture. The task force Judge Stedman belongs to meets with Amish leaders to increase communication and trust. The article notes, though, that no Amish women have been included as a leader.

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From Father Nathan Monk



Barbara Mancini Update

A few years ago, Barbara Mancini spoke to several PAN meetings. Barbara described how she had been arrested and prosecuted for assisting an attempted suicide, when she tried to get the hospice her father was in to abide by his written and signed end of life treatment wishes.

Barbara has written a book, *Cruel Death, Heartless Aftermath*, published by Sunbury Press. She describes her book as an "investigative memoir." She also has a website, www.barbaramancinihistory.com.

Barbara explains why she wrote a book: "My goal in writing the book is to raise awareness of the perils faced by the dying and their caregivers, and to spur interest in expanding end-of-life options."

Football and Religion

Many people, religious and non-religious, are appalled by the way religion attaches itself to sports in America, especially football.

The Associated Press, www.apnews.com, reports that the New Orleans Saints are fighting to keep private hundreds of emails that show team executives helping the Catholic church in New Orleans do damage control about the many charges of sexual abuse made against the church.

Attorneys for approximately two dozen men suing the church claim that during the discovery process they found many emails showing the Saints (perfect name, of course) advising church officials on public relations.

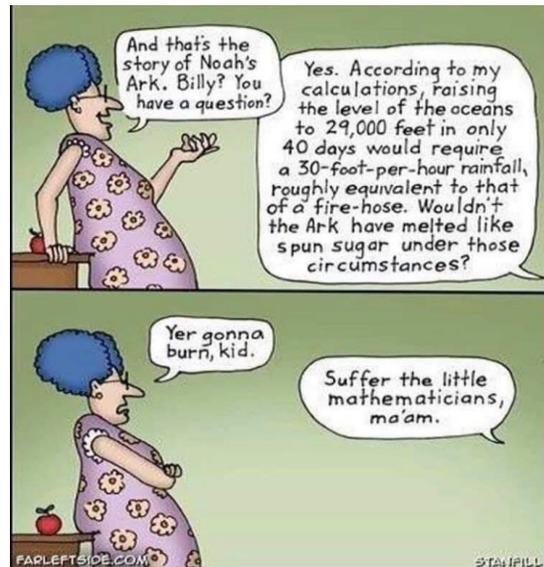
The Saints deny the claim. They do admit that they advised the church on how to handle media attention, stating "The advice was simple and never wavering. Be direct, open and fully transparent, while making sure that all law enforcement agencies were alerted." Although the Saints contend that they'd be comfortable having the emails revealed, their court filings state that the emails are private, and should not be "fodder for the public." The archdiocese of New Orleans is fighting the release, as well.

The archbishop, Gregory Aymond, is a close friend of Gayle Benson, who inherited the team when her husband, Tom Benson, died in 2018. The archbishop walked with Gayle Benson in Tom's funeral procession.

On the other hand, Green Bay Packer quarterback Aaron Rodgers sure sounded like an atheist during a recent discussion with his significant other, Danica Patrick, on her podcast, "Pretty Intense."

The New York Post, www.nypost.com, reports that Rodgers talked about his Christian upbringing. "Church on Sunday it was like, more, make sure you dress a certain way, don't bring that person, this person's going to get looked at strangely if they show up. Again, it's very black and white, binary."

Rodgers spoke more about how religion separates people. "It's set up binary, it's us and them. It's saved and unsaved, it's heaven and hell."



He finished with a thought that will resonate with PANViews readers: "I don't know how you can believe in a God who wants to condemn most of the planet to a fiery hell."

The *Post* reported that Rodgers' family, with whom he has been feuding for years, was "dismayed" by his remarks.

A Solution to a Problem That Doesn't Exist

President Trump made news by defending the right of the students to pray in school. He apparently doesn't know – or is cynically ignoring – the fact that they always could.

What the school prayer cases in the 1960s disallowed was teacher-lead prayer, as PAN members well know. But the religious right has claimed for years that all prayer, private prayer, student-lead prayer, is verboten, too.

NPR, www.npr.com, among many other news outlets, reported that the president held a meeting in the Oval Office with Christian, Jewish and Muslim students and teachers on National Religious Freedom Day. All the guests said they faced discrimination in practicing their religion in public schools. Trump warned that schools can lose federal funds if they violate students' right to express their religions.

As a side note, National Religious Freedom Day is held on January 16 to commemorate the day the Virginia General Assembly's adopted Thomas Jefferson's landmark Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom on January 16, 1786. Wonder if any of the celebrants are familiar with Jefferson's later wall of separation between church and state?

Tacky Jesus



The administration (including Betsy DeVos, secretary of education), offered a few examples of religious prejudice in schools. William McLeod, a 9-year-old Utah boy, came to school with ashes on his forehead on Ash Wednesday. His teacher made him wash the ashes off. The school apologized to the family.

Malak Hijaz said that she was bullied for wearing a hijab to school, and school officials refused to stop the bullies.

Bremerton, WA Coach Joseph Kennedy came up as well. Kennedy, an assistant football coach, refused to stop leading prayers at the 50-yard line after games, and was fired. He appealed his dismissal and lost at all levels. This month the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear his case, exciting rage among the religious right.

The Freedom From Religion Foundation responded by noting that it had sent complaint letters to more than 500 schools over the last 3 years. The problem, the FFRF notes, is the opposite of what the Trump administration thinks: there's an increase in religion in public schools, not more restriction against it.

Jesus Take the Wheel. Please.

Courtesy of The Thinking Atheist

PA State police arrested Nadejda Reilly of Luzerne County for causing a crash in which several people were injured, reports the Associated Press, www.apnews.com.

What caused the crash? Reilly told the police that she had been driving around, waiting for a calling from God, and then decided to drive into an oncoming car. She happily observed that God saved her from injury. The police affidavit said that she expressed no remorse for the injuries she caused: "Reilly expressed no concerns or remorse for the victims. Reilly also stated she did not care if the other people were injured because God would have taken care of them."

Okay, crazy enough. But wait – there's more.

Vegetable Stories



The New York *Post*, www.nypost.com, tells the story of a Georgia woman, with two kids in the car, who deliberately crashed into a pole. Why? To prove to her children that God would protect them. The kids, ages 5 and 7, were not injured, and confirmed their mother's story. Her daughter told the police, "Her eyes was closed and she was saying, blah, blah, blah, 'I love God.' She wanted us to know that God is real."

God wasn't done. The New York *Daily News*, www.nydailynews.com, reports that a woman in southwest Ohio caused a 5-car crash because God told her to drive 100 mph and kill fellow drivers. The driver told the arresting officers that she "does whatever God tells her to do."

Methodism Splits Apart

The United Methodist church, the second largest Protestant sect in the United States, will split into two groups, over same-sex marriage.

The New York *Times*, www.nytimes.com, provides details of the upcoming rupture, which has been in the works for years. The denomination's 13 million world-wide members (about half in the US) will have the opportunity to join a traditionalist Methodist church that would ban same-sex marriage and the ordination of gay clergy. The *Times* report that most US church members will probably go into the more liberal branch. The church is hammering out details, mostly financial, for a formal agreement, which will almost certainly be ratified at its global conference in May.

The Pew Research Center noted in 2014 that while most US Methodists consider themselves conservative, 6 in 10 believe homosexuality should be accepted, and nearly half approve of same-sex marriage. The objection to gay rights comes primarily from Africa, mostly Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where Methodism is growing rapidly.

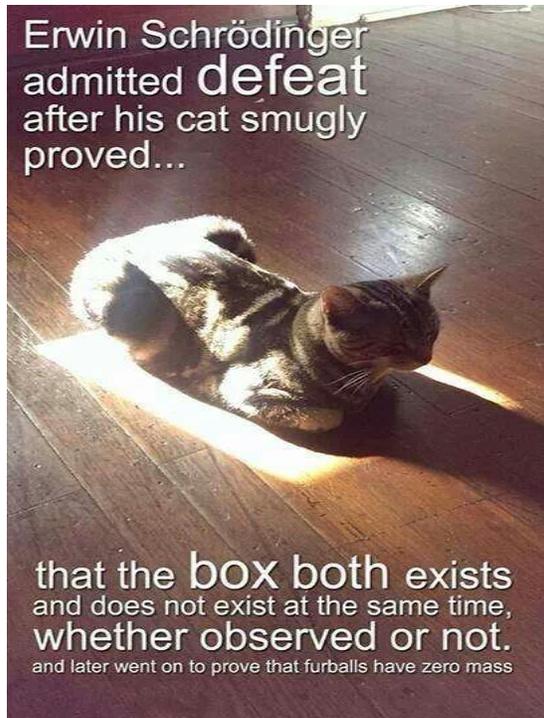
The Blaine Amendment at Risk

The Blaine Amendment, named after its key sponsor, Congressman James G. Blaine, was originally supposed to be an amendment to the US Constitution. The 1875 amendment prohibited state aid to religious schools, and was directed primarily against immigrant Roman Catholics. (It passed in the House but failed by 4 votes in the Senate.) Although it failed on the federal level, 37 states passed similar laws on their own.

The religious right has wanted to invalidate these state amendments for years, and now it looks as if they have a real chance to succeed. The Supreme Court recently heard arguments in *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue*.

As summarized by the New York Times, www.nytimes.com, the case arose when Montana eliminated a scholarship program that included private schools, because the Montana Supreme Court ruled that it violated Montana's Blaine Amendment.

The Supreme Court has ruled that religious schools may be included in publicly funded school choice programs. The concern is that the Court may rule in this case that states are **required** to include religious schools in such programs.



Jerry Falwell's Latest Good Idea

Liberty University is opening a new center, to counteract the idea that Jesus might have been a socialist, and to fight against what Jerry Falwell considers a misguided dilution of Judeo-Christian principles that leads to big government. According the *Christian Post*, www.christianpost.com, the new center will be called the Falkirk Center for Faith and Liberty, named for its co-founders, Falwell and Charlie Kirk, founder of the conservative student group Turning Point USA.

The *Christian Post* quotes from an interview Kirk gave the *Washington Examiner*, explaining why the center is needed. "The fastest-growing religion in America is atheism and secularism and with that is the rise of leftism and statism and, as people veer away from the church and veer away from the Judeo Christian values that built our country, people are more likely to embrace statism. "

The serious intellectual underpinning of this effort is clear from a review of the center's inaugural group of fellows. According to the *Lynchburg News & Advance*, www.newsadvance.com, they include Antonia Okafor Cover, the spokesperson for Gun Owners of America; Erika Lane Frantzve, a former Miss Arizona USA winner; and Josh Allen Murray, a former contestant on "The Bachelorette."

Victory Against Bogus Conscience Laws

PANViews has reported on the Trump administration's rule that allowed health care institutions and all providers and employees to deny treatment and information to patients, based on their own personal religious beliefs.

Good news – US District Court for the Southern District of New York has struck down this dangerous rule. As reported by the ACLU on www.aclu.org, the Court described the rule as "a classic solution in search of a problem." The Court went even further: it said that some of the administration's arguments "cannot be taken seriously."



In addition, Senators Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Patty Murray (D-WA), Representatives Barbara Lee (D-CA), and Chris Pappas (D-NH) have introduced the Put Patients First Act. This act would block the Trump administration rule. Maybe common sense will have a win!

Jehovah's Witnesses Escapes Justice

The Jehovah's Witnesses have come under scrutiny all over the world for its refusal to deal with sexual abuse in its congregations. Now the Montana (Montana again?) Supreme Court has found that a loophole in state law allows them to avoid responsibility for enabling a repeated sex offender.

As reported by www.npr.org, Holly McGowan told JW elders in 1998 that she was being abused by her stepfather, Maximo Reyes. But – surprise – Reyes didn't confess, and the child did not have a witness, so the elders didn't do anything. Reyes' abuse progressed to rape. In 2004, McGowan's brother told an elder that Reyes was abusing him, too, and had a letter about the abuse that counted as a witness. The elders did not call the police, but Reyes was banned from the congregation. He was reinstated a year later.

In 2016, a niece sued, stating that Reyes had begun raping her in 2002. She accused the Witnesses of negligence for not reporting Reyes to authorities when they received the original complaint in 1998. A jury agreed and awarded the niece \$4 million in actual damages and \$31 million in punitive damages.

Jehovah's Witnesses appealed, and the Montana Supreme Court overturned the verdict. In Montana, the court said, there's an exception in the mandated reporter requirement for churches and clergy. The law states that "a member of the clergy or a priest is not required to make a report under this section if the communication is required to be confidential by canon law, church doctrine, or established church practice." The court found that Jehovah's Witnesses falls under this exception.

The Jehovah's Witnesses issued a statement after the decision was announced. "No child should ever be subjected to such a debased crime. Tragically, it happens, and when it does Jehovah's Witnesses follow the law. This is what the Montana Supreme Court has established."

According to the US Department of Health and Human Services 18 states (including Pennsylvania) require anyone who suspects child abuse or neglect to report it, without an explicit clergy exception. Some states do allow clergy to keep silent in certain circumstances of privileged communications, like confession.

While the setback in this case is frustrating, lawsuits are being filed all over the world against the Witnesses (and other religions), especially now that many states (including most recently New York) have enacted laws waiving statute of limitations rules in abuse cases.

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Irish Blasphemy Law Gone!

Back when PAN marched in St. Patrick's Day parades, marchers carried a banner urging the repeal of Ireland's blasphemy law.

It's been repealed. Here's a letter to *The Irish Times*, www.irishtimes.com, from Michael Nugent, Chairman, and Jane Donnelly, Human Rights Officer, for Atheist Ireland.

Sir, – Ireland no longer has a blasphemy law. We start the new decade with the good news that we have finally removed this medieval crime from our statute books.

Over the Christmas period, President Michael D Higgins signed the Blasphemy (Abolition of Offences and Related Matters) Bill 2019 into law. Minister for Justice Charlie Flanagan has politically led this important change.

Atheist Ireland has spent more than a decade lobbying for repeal of the blasphemy law with the Government and Department of Justice, as well as at the United Nations, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and the Council of Europe.

We had three tours of public meetings around Ireland about the need to repeal the blasphemy law, in 2009, 2012, and 2018. We also worked with, and we gratefully thank, our friends and colleagues in atheist and secular groups around the world.

The new law does three things. It abolishes the common law offence of blasphemy. It repeals sections 36 and 37 of the Defamation Act, which described the offence of blasphemy. And it removes references to blasphemy from the Censorship of Films Act.

This means that we have finally removed the medieval crime of blasphemy from both our Constitution and our statute books.

Our laws can now protect people from harm, not protect ideas from criticism. Our media outlets no longer have to censor themselves.

We are no longer breaching our international human rights obligations, as we have been told by the UN Human Rights Committee and the Council of Europe's Venice Commission. States that execute

people for blasphemy can no longer cite the Irish law at the UN, to justify their repression of religious minorities.

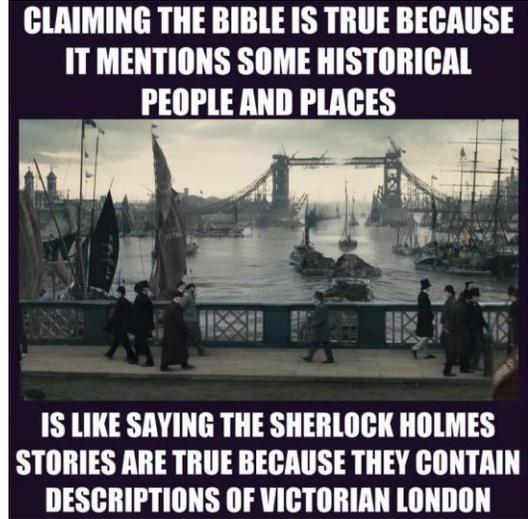
Ireland was once a Catholic country. Today it is a pluralist country, which still has Catholic laws that we are gradually changing.

Where's the Money?

CNN, www.cnn.com, reports that a whistleblower has accused the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of hiding \$100 billion that was intended for charity to avoid taxes. Donors were not notified of how their contributions were being handled.

What's worse, these contributions weren't voluntary. They were collected as tithes, which are required for LDS members. The funds were invested in church-owned Ensign Peak Advisors but the whistleblower claims, in a complaint filed with the IRS, were not distributed to charities, as the IRS requires.

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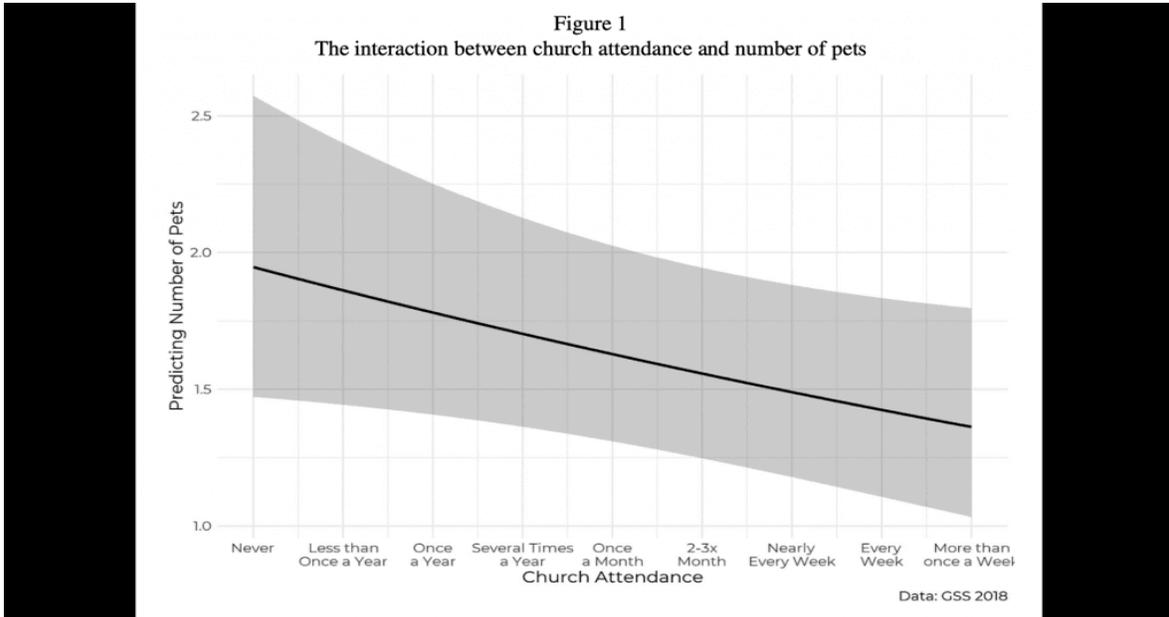


The whistleblower, David Nielson, is a church member and until last September was a portfolio manager with Ensign Peak Advisors. He and his brother filed the complaint in November. Whistleblowers are entitled to up to 30% of any taxes or penalties collected, although the brothers contend that they were unaware of that when the process began.

The Church of course denies any wrongdoing. The article quotes Sam Brunson, LDS member and a professor of nonprofit tax law at Chicago's Loyola University explaining that under Ensign's Articles of Incorporation, "it is both a supporting organization," which means it has to make charitable donations "commensurate in scope" to its funds, and an "integrated auxiliary." An integrated auxiliary organization can legally sidestep paying taxes by being a non-profit. Brunson added that he thought it was unlikely that the IRS would take any action.

Brunson added, though, that there was some concern that the church was taking tithes from people who really couldn't afford it, when they had so much money already. He added, "Members of the church aren't shareholders, but stakeholders, and there's something good about transparency

Given the IRS' reluctance to enforce its rules when religion is involved, Brunson is probably right. Nothing much will happen.



God and Cats

According to Hemant Mehta, The Friendly Atheist, www.friendlyatheist.patheos.com, a new study shows there is a correlation between pet ownership and church attendance, illustrated in the above chart.

One of the conclusions of the study *in Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, by Samuel L. Perry (University of Oklahoma) and Ryan P. Burge (Eastern Illinois University) is that the more often you go to church, the less likely you are to own a pet. Especially, it turns out, a cat.

The authors explain:

*... Although the confidence intervals are wide, the relationship as previously noted is statistically significant. To put these numbers into perspective, **the estimated total number of pets owned for someone who never attends church services is 1.96, but that number then declines to 1.38 for an individual who attends church multiple times per week...***

... more frequent churchgoers... are less likely to own a cat, but there is no association between worship attendance and dog ownership. In fact, when we take dog ownership into consideration, the negative association between attendance and cat ownership becomes even stronger, suggesting that is a more fundamental link between attendance and cat ownership beyond the presence of other pets or pets in general.

The authors speculate that perhaps people attend church regularly and are part of a social group, maybe you don't need pets. Or maybe cats are a replacement for God.

The study explains: **... Cats are 'very godlike' and act as a substitute for people without this influence in their life.**

Owners desperately try to win their cat's love, trying to figure out what they need to do. Does sort of sound like God, doesn't it?

Member Submissions

Manufactured Consent and Confirmation Bias

Josh CruverKibi

The phrase “the manufacture of consent” was originally coined by Walter Lippmann in his book, *Public Opinion* in which he posits that people tend to not intellectually assess the complex information in their environment and society, instead often opting to generalize, stereotype, and go with their biases. Walter Lippmann concluded that since most people in a society were incapable of independent thought, were susceptible to their personal biases, and tended to misunderstand complex ideas, it was incumbent upon a democratic society to produce propaganda by experts on subject matter to create cohesive cultural and political beliefs. Noam Chomsky and Edward Herman in their book, *Manufactured Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media*, expanded on the concept of manufactured consent and the evolution of mass media towards tending to serve and present information that perpetuates the interests of the media entities, primarily profit, as opposed to primarily informing the public on the facts. They posited that large media outlets are affected, biased, and the content reported tends to be filtered by their financial interests, profit margin, who has access, public fear sentiment, and the avoidance of flak, or loss of revenue and viewership. Noam Chomsky and Edward Herman were also heavily influenced by the writings of Alexander Carey, who researched, wrote, and lectured on the psychology of nationalism and corporate propaganda.

Confirmation bias is the tendency to interpret new information as confirming previous conclusions and ignoring or tending not to notice information that may counter one’s previous conclusions. I think central to the concerns of the writers above was that each individual in a society has a tendency towards metacognitive failure and confirmation bias, to go along with our basic emotional reactions and chose to confirm them whether they are factually right or wrong, because it is easier than engaging and challenging our sensory information and conclusions. Of further concern, if people already struggle with confirmation bias, how are they to discern the nuance of the media outlets fact versus bias as well?

Confirmation bias is not a rational objective assessment of the facts. It is the inductive result of the minds tendency to be lazy, take short cuts, and confirm and go with reactions and feelings for what feels good in the mind and rejecting what feels negative. This type of reactive induction in relation to survival, such as jumping and running from the rustle in the bushes, has on average served evolutionary survival for many species over history. As an evolutionary development, the brains process of reacting to sensory input occurs even in the reptilian brain. In fact, the section of the human brain where most of the reactive brain processes occur, is referred to the reptilian brain. But this reactive section of the brain does not process and analyze information to increase our understanding and awareness for complex ideas. Complex cognition occurs in the pre-frontal and frontal lobe through deduction, the scientific method, and objective rationalism, which, can result in a complex understanding of ideas and independent thought. This level of cognition and thinking should be seen as a counter to impulses and reactions to the lower functioning areas of the brain, and if done correctly, can even counter confirmation bias and attempts at manufacturing your consent.

Manufactured Consent manipulates and takes advantage of the lower functioning areas of the brain; such as our tendency to avoid discomfort, avoid changes to our environment, and tendency to go with our emotional reactions and preconceptions. The evolutionary purpose of the pre-frontal and frontal lobe is to plan for long term success in an environment, to plan for and prevent future harms and concerns. To have the ability to be above reaction helps increase our success, but we do not have to choose to be above reaction. We individually can allow ourselves to be told what to do, to think, and what to react to. All of the psychological and sociological research has confirmed

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that each person is capable of just reacting, social manipulation, complex independent thought, or some combination. As rationalists, I think it is incumbent upon us to challenge our metacognition to be above reaction, confirmation bias, and inductive thinking, to be less susceptible to manufactured consent. What will you choose?

PAN News & Update

Festival season is coming up! Are there any street fairs or other gatherings where PAN should have a booth? Let us know, via email or Facebook. Or come to the Annual Meeting!

The annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm, at the UUCY, 925 S. George St., York. This is the same place York meeting were held in the past.

Meetings - For more details about our meetings, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/panonbelievers.

Several meetings have changed locations recently, and there may be future changes. Check before you go!

Carlisle – Fourth Friday of the month, February 28, 5:30 pm, Hops and Barley, 398 North York Street, Mechanicsburg

Chambersburg – Third Tuesday of the month, February 18, 7:00 pm, Montezuma Mexican Restaurant, 1495 Lincoln Way East.

Harrisburg– First Wednesday of the month, February 5, 6:30 pm, Midtown Scholar, 1302 N. Third St.

Lancaster – Fourth Wednesday of the month, February 26, 6:00 pm, Centerville Diner, 100 S. Centerville Rd.

Lebanon - Second Wednesday of the month, February 12, 7:00 pm, Batdorf Restaurant, 245 W. Main St., Annville

Reading – Third Wednesday of the month, February 19, 6:00 pm, Oakbrook Brewing Company, 628 Park Avenue.

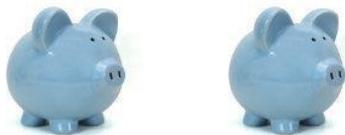
York – First Sunday of the month, February 2, 12:00 pm, I-ron-ic Coffee Shop and Art Boutique, 256 W. Philadelphia St. The annual meeting will take the place of the March meeting.

How to Contribute to PAN



Amazon - You can contribute to PAN every time you shop online at Amazon by going to PAN's home page and clicking the black part of the Amazon logo there *before you shop*. If you click the link before you buy anything from Amazon, PA Nonbelievers will receive a cut of the proceeds - helping our organization!

Giant Cards - We will have Giant grocery store cards available for purchase at PAN meetings. You pay face value for the card and use the face value at the store, but Giant let's PAN have 5% of that face value. If you shop at Giant, anyway, use the cards in lieu of cash and help PAN. What could be easier?



Pennies for PAN - Finally, we are happy to take money the old-fashioned way. You can give your tax-deductible contribution to a Board Member at one of our meetings or events, you can donate via PayPal on our website, www.panonbelievers.org, or you can mail a check to us at PANonbelievers, Inc. PO Box 702, York, PA 17405. Remember when you donate you can indicate what fund you want your donation to go to, you can find the list of our funds on the PAN website in the Donate section.

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