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How will the Bladensburg Cross Decision's "History Test" be Applied?



In last week's 7-2 Supreme Court decision in the Bladensburg Cross case, the Court abandoned the nearly five decade old "Lemon test" in favor of a "history test."

Under the Lemon test, from the 1971 case *Lemon v. Kurtzman*, a religious display, to be constitutional, 1) had to have a secular purpose; 2) its primary effect could not either advance or inhibit religion; 3) it couldn't result in an excessive government entanglement with religion. Under the new "history test" it just has to be old.

[...]

But we at MRFF are wondering how this new "history test" doctrine will play out in a current federal lawsuit filed on behalf of a MRFF client — a case in which MRFF clearly has history on its side .

[...]

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BACKGROUND:

MRFF DENOUNCES U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING THAT BLADENSBURG CROSS CAN STAND ON PUBLIC LAND

MRFF Founder and President Mikey Weinstein's Statement on SCOTUS Bladensburg Cross Ruling

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GRACIOUS LETTERS OF APPRECIATION FROM MRFF SUPPORTERS



"One Bright Spot"

On Jun 22, 2019, at 11:20 AM, a MRFF Supporter wrote:

Mikey,

Eeegads! Even now the Supreme Court, with the exception of two brave members, thinks symbols of Christianity are OK in public places – even if paid for and maintained by public money. What's next, mandatory attendance (and donations) at church for all of us (not just the poor members of the military stuck in Evangelical-led units)? Do you suppose they would have made the same ruling if the religious symbol was raised by Aztec Sun Worshipers instead of Christians?

You're right to be very concerned. The right-wing Supremes seem to be hell-bent on installing a Fascist regime in the USA. As Sinclair Lewis said, "When Fascism comes to America it will be wrapped in a flag and carrying a cross." He was right – here it is, marching in – with 7 to 2 approval!

The question is, will the public wake up to this disaster streaming down on us and divert it or will they embrace it? I used to have a great deal of hope for the USA but as my 82 year life wears on my optimism wears away. I see the oligarchs taking over completely, the populace becoming less educated and more prone to propaganda, the slaves "emancipated" into a new system that gives them a stipend to buy their own food and lodging but little else, the profiteers of war running a "defense" system. Now a Supreme Court that can't read the Constitution!

One bright spot in all this pessimism is MRFF and your efforts, Mikey. You have managed to seek and find brave people in the Military that understand the situation and help to prevent the embedded "religious-rascals" from taking over completely. I appreciate what you do.

Sincerely,

A MRFF Supporter

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"Thank You"

From: MRFF Client's Name Withheld
Subject: Thank You MRFF
Date: June 20, 2019 at 4:03:56 PM MDT
To: Mikey Weinstein <mikey@militaryreligiousfreedom.org>
Cc: Chris Rodda <research@militaryreligiousfreedom.org>

Mikey, I wanted to thank you for all the work that you and the MRFF are doing to maintain the constitutionally mandated separation of church and state with respect to U.S. military activities.

On two separate occasions, I have had troubling questions about activities happening at Wright Patterson AFB, where I work, and you have promptly replied, provided useful information and assistance, and made yourself available for further discussion via telephone.

It's comforting to know that there is someone willing to help, and most importantly listen, to those who have concerns about misuse of government and military resources to push a particular religious agenda.

Thanks again for being there, and please keep doing what you do, it's making positive change.

Regards,

(Name withheld)
USAF Veteran

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