

# Protect your children by *standing up for parenthood!*

Parents have the high privilege and solemn duty to raise their children to know and love God. While all parents desire that their grown children embrace their faith freely and enthusiastically, when children are young, it falls to parents to make decisions regarding their children's religious upbringing, including:

- † How often does your family attend your place of worship?
- † What congregation have you chosen to attend?
- † Can you teach your children that your religious views are absolutely true?

However, your freedom to determine the answers to these three questions will be undermined if the United States Senate ratifies the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. For example:

- † A Washington state court ruled that parents could not require their 13-year-old son to attend church with them on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. The judge said that unless the family limited the boy's church attendance to Sunday morning, he would remove custody. This Washington law (which has since changed) paralleled the UN children's treaty.
- † The Scottish government, in an official publication produced to help their youth understand their rights under the UN treaty, says: "You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs." The role of parents? They "help you think about this."
- † The American Bar Association, a strong supporter of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, acknowledges that religious schools that teach that Jesus is the only way to God "fly in the face" of the treaty. Thus, *any* who teach children that their religion is the truth are likewise in violation.

Under Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, all ratified treaties are superior to state constitutions and laws. Hence, this treaty will override virtually all current American laws on parents and children that conflict with it.

**What can we do?** Only a U.S. constitutional amendment will stop international law from interfering with parental rights. Over 100 members of the U.S. House are co-sponsors of the Parental Rights Amendment.

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## A THREAT AGAINST PARENTHOOD: The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC)

### The Structure:

1. The CRC is a treaty that creates binding rules of law. It is no mere statement of altruism.
2. This treaty would automatically override almost all family law in America due to Article VI of the United States Constitution.
3. Congress would have the power to directly legislate on all subjects necessary to comply with the treaty. This would constitute the most massive shift of power from the states to the federal government in American history.
4. American courts would have the power to directly enforce the self-executing provisions of the treaty.
5. A committee of 18 experts from other nations, sitting in Geneva, has the authority to issue official interpretations of the treaty which would be entitled to binding weight in American courts and legislatures. This would effectively transfer ultimate authority for all policies in this area to this foreign committee.

### The Substance:

1. Parents would no longer be able to administer reasonable spankings to their children.
2. Children would have the ability to choose their own religion while parents would only have the authority to give their children advice about religion.
3. The best interest of the child principle would give the government the ability to override every decision made by every parent if a government worker disagreed with the parent's decision.
4. Children would have the right to reproductive health information and services, including abortions, without parental knowledge or consent.
5. Religious schools that refuse to teach "alternative worldviews" and teach that theirs is the only true religion "fly in the face of article 29" of the treaty, says the American Bar Association.

## THE SOLUTION: THE PARENTAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

### SECTION 1

The liberty of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children is a fundamental right.

### SECTION 2

Neither the United States nor any State shall infringe upon this right without demonstrating that its governmental interest as applied to the person is of the highest order and not otherwise served.

### SECTION 3

No treaty may be adopted nor shall any source of international law be employed to supersede, modify, interpret, or apply to the rights guaranteed by this article.

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