

Report on the Religious Right in Washington State

by Dan Junas, 1995

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SOURCES AND RESOURCES

A wide variety of written sources were used in compiling this report,
including the following:

Seattle Times
Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Eastsideweek
Everett Herald
Morning News Tribune
Northwest Christian Journal
the Oregonian
Seattle Gay News
Spokane Spokesman-Review
Tri-City Herald
Vancouver Columbian
Walla Walla Union Bulletin
Weekly of Seattle
Church and State
Dignity Report
New York Times
Out Magazine
the Progressive
Village Voice
Washington Post

Publications of the following organizations:

American Association of University Women
American Family Association
American Library Association
Anti-Defamation League
Christian Coalition
Citizens for Excellence in Education

Family in Touch
Focus on the Family
IMPAC
Institute for First Amendment Studies
People for the American Way
WallBuilders
Washington Alliance of Citizens
Washington Family Council
Western Center for Law and Religious Freedom

For further research, the following resources are recommended.

Although it is now somewhat dated, Sara Diamond's *Spiritual Warfare* (Boston: South End Press, 1989) is the best overall book on the religious right.

The two best sources on specific national religious right organizations are *The Religious Right: The Assault on Tolerance and Pluralism in America*, (New York: Anti-Defamation League, 1994) and *Challenging the Christian Right: The Activist's Handbook* by Frederick Clarkson and Skipp Porteous (Great Barrington, Mass.: Institute for First Amendment Studies, 1993), which also has an extensive resource guide. People for the American Way also publishes useful reports on various religious right organizations and activities.

Church and State, a monthly magazine published by Americans United for Separation and Church and State, provides excellent reporting and analysis of the religious right. The Institute for First Amendment Studies publishes a bimonthly, *The Freedom Writer*, which often reports from inside religious right political meetings. Another useful publication, which covers a broader range of right-wing political activity, is *The Public Eye*, published quarterly by Political Research Associates.

Recommended resource organizations on the religious right are:

- Institute for First Amendment Studies
PO Box 589
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 274-3786
- People for the American Way
2000 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 467-4999
- Political Research Associates
678 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 702
Cambridge, MA 02139
(617) 661-9313

Regarding the activities of religious right organizations active in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho:

- Coalition for Human Dignity
PO Box 40344
Portland, OR 97240
(503) 227-5033
See especially their report, "The Covert Crusade (co-published by the Western States Center, 1993).

Recommended for analysis of the political organizing of the religious right nationally:

- Chip Berlet, "The Right Rides High," *The Progressive*, October, 1994.
- Sidney Blumenthal, "Christian Soldiers," *The New Yorker*, July 18, 1994.

Regarding the religious right and the Republican Party in Washington State, see

- Jim Simon and Barbara Serrano, "Christian Right Gets Results at Polls," *Seattle Times*, October 13, 1994
- David Schafer, "GOP unity arranged prior to convention," *Seattle Times*, Friday, July 1, 1994
- Steve Maynard, "Answering God's New Call," *Morning News Tribune*, March 7, 1993

Recommended coverage of specific religious right organizations:

The Christian Coalition

On the Christian Coalition's national efforts, see Jerry Large, "Christian Coalition Leader on a Roll," *Seattle Times*, November 22, 1994; Joseph Conn, "Behind the Mask," *Church and State*, November, 1994; Rob Boston, "Operation Precinct," *Church and State*, July/August, 1994, p. 8-13; Robert Sullivan, "An Army of the Faithful," *New York Times Magazine*, April 25, 1993.

American Center for Law and Justice and the Rutherford Institute

See Sara Diamond, "The Religious Right Goes to Court," *The Humanist*, May/June 1994, p. 35 and "See Them in Court," *Z Magazine*, April, 1994, p. 38.

American Family Association

Bill Dedman, "Bible Belt Blowhard," *Mother Jones*, Nov./Dec., 1992

Citizens for Excellence in Education

David Hill, "Christian Soldier," *Teacher Magazine*, November/December, 1992, p. 18 et seq.

Focus on the Family

People for the American Way, "Focus on the Family: Extremism Cloaked in the Rhetoric of Family Values." Sara Diamond, "Focus on Some Families," *Z Magazine*, July/August, 1994, p. 29. Rob Boston, "Out of Focus," *Church and State*, March, 1993. Laura Stepp, "The Empire Built on Family & Faith," *Washington Post*, August 8, 1990.

Origins of the Religious Right

Two books, both of which are now out of print, recount the origins of the New Right: *Thunder on the Right* by Alan Crawford (New York: Pantheon Books, 1980), and *Ominous Politics* by John Saloma (New York, Hill and Wang, 1984). On the origins of the religious right, see Diamond, *Spiritual Warfare*. Regarding Paul Weyrich, see *The Coors Connection* by Russ Bellant (Boston: South End Press, 1991).

The coverage of the Moon Organization is based on the author's research for a forthcoming book, *Moon Rising*. The Moon Organization's Washington state connections, as well as background information, is covered in "Mainstream Moon," by Walter Hatch, *Seattle Times*, February 12 and 13, 1989.

To Rule and Reign

Sara Diamond provides an excellent treatment of the ideology of the religious right in *Spiritual Warfare*. See also *Challenging the Christian Right* by Clarkson and Porteous, particularly regarding the Coalition on Revival.

The Right to Choose Abortion

The Everett clinic bombing trial was well-covered by the *Everett Herald*. Regarding Lynn Harsh and Rick Woodrow's connections to the Moon Organization, see "Mainstream Moon," by Walter Hatch, *Seattle Times*, February 12 and 13, 1989.

The Campaign Against Gay and Lesbian Rights

People for the American Way's report, "Hostile Climate," presents state-by-state summaries of anti-gay organizing. The National Lesbian and Gay Task Force's Fight the Right Project (522 SW 5th Ave., #1375, Portland, OR 97204) monitors anti-gay initiative campaigns. See also Jim Simon, "Gay Rights Fight Takes National Stage," *Seattle Times*,

May 29, 1994. Heather Rhoads, "Cruel Crusade: The Holy War Against Lesbian and Gays," *The Progressive*, March, 1993.

On the origins of the Oregon Citizens Alliance in particular and anti-gay politics in general, see "Rolling Back Civil Rights," by S.L. Gardiner (Portland: Coalition for Human Dignity, 1992). For more on the OCA and its founder Lon Mabon, see Sura Rubenstein, "OCA's Rise Meteoric," *Oregonian*, June 21, 1993; Angela Wilson, "Queer Notions," *Willamette Week*, May 13, 1993; Sally Chew, "Ding Dong, Mabon Calling," *Out Magazine*, February, 1993; Marc Cooper, "Queer Baiting in the Culture War," *Village Voice*, Oct.13, 1992.

The Coalition for Human Dignity monitors the religious right, including anti-gay activity, on an ongoing basis (see listing under National Organizations).

Regarding anti-gay activity in Washington state, see the reporting of Tom Flint for the Seattle Gay News and Lynda Mapes in the Spokane *Spokesman-Review*.

Public Schools and Library Censorship

People for the American Way covers censorship issues and can also provide information on Citizens for Excellence in Education. The American Library Association's Office of Intellectual Freedom (phone: 800-545-2433) monitors censorship issues nationally.

The Washington Coalition Against Censorship (6201 15th Ave. NW, #640, Seattle, WA 98107; 206-784-6418) monitors censorship incidents in Washington. The Washington Education Association (33434 Eighth Ave. S., Federal Way, WA 98003; phone 206-941-6700) monitors school censorship incidents. *What's Left After the Right* and *No Right Turn*, both written by Dr. Janet L. Jones for the Washington Education Association, present excellent overviews of school censorship issues.

For analysis of right-wing efforts to restrict sex education, see "Under Siege, Sexuality Education in the Public Schools", *ACLU Reproductive Rights Update*, September, 1994.

The National Campaign for Freedom of Expression's "Bulletin" has regular coverage of art censorship issues. NCFE has offices in Washington, DC (918 F St., NW, #609, Washington, DC 20004; phone: 202-393-2787) and Seattle (1402 Third Avenue, #421, Seattle, WA 98101; Phone: 206-340-9301).

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