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Christian values fading

Our Christian religious values are fading away every day, and it starts with the White House.

President Obama refused to host a National Prayer Day service at the White House, even though America has celebrated National Prayer Day since 1952. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has voted against prayer in our children's schools, public displays of the Ten Commandments and even voted against a bill to protect the words "Under God" in our Pledge of Allegiance. Former ACLU legal counsel Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg uses the Supreme Court to push the ACLU's agenda of banning religious displays in public

The way things are going in our country today, we need more prayer. We need God's help.

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Learn from others

A recent Reader Forum letter ("Christian values fading," May 18) laments the "fading away" of Christian values in our country, and then cites several examples of the government avoiding entanglement with religion.

Adherents of any of the hundreds of flavors of Christian dogma are, of course, free to proselytize in any reasonable manner. But to use the authority of our secular civil government to promote religious views will, in the long run, be damaging to both government and religion. In addition, it violates both the letter and spirit of the First Amendment and is contrary to the views of the founding fathers and the principles upon which our nation is based.

Instead of trying to use the power of government to force one set of beliefs on everyone, let's appreciate the variety of worldviews we enjoy in this country and see what of value we can learn from others.

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