

McDONNELL SAYS HIS BLUEPRINT FOR GOVERNING IS AN “ACADEMIC EXERCISE” AND HIS VIEWS HAVE CHANGED

BUT HIS RECORD TELLS A DIFFERENT STORY

“During his 14 years in the General Assembly, McDonnell pursued at least 10 of the policy goals he laid out in that research paper, including abortion restrictions, covenant marriage, school vouchers and tax policies to favor his view of the traditional family. In 2001, he voted against a resolution in support of ending wage discrimination between men and women.”

- The Washington Post, August 30, 2009

CLAIM:

McDonnell says “I wrote as a student during the Reagan era and haven't thought about in years.” [Washington Post, 8/30/09]

FACT:

“The Washington Post learned of the thesis in a recent interview with McDonnell, who mentioned it in answering a question about his political roots. McDonnell brought up the paper in reference to a pair of Republican congressmen whom he interviewed as part of his research. McDonnell then offered: ‘I wrote my thesis on welfare policy.’” [Washington Post, 8/30/09]

CLAIM:

McDonnell says he doesn't support banning contraception. [Washington Post, 8/30/09]

FACTS:

MCDONNELL'S THESIS ON BIRTH CONTROL (1989)	MCDONNELL'S LEGISLATIVE RECORD (1992-2005)
Supreme Court Case Legalizing Contraception; Establishing Right to Privacy was One of the “Harshest Blows to American Family”. “The United States Supreme Court dealt among the harshest blows to the American	McDonnell Voted To Restrict Access To Contraceptives Throughout His Career. In 1997, McDonnell opposed a bill to prohibit the denial of benefits for prescription contraceptives. Then again in 2002, McDonnell voted to pass a bill to expand

family and traditional society... In 1965 with *Griswold v. Connecticut*, the Court embarked on dualistic path by attempting to create a view of liberty based on radical individualism while facilitating statist control of select family issues. The Court postulated a new view of marriage by asserting that the 'preservation of marital privacy' precludes states interference with the right to use contraceptives, even though the state had long been empowered to regulate the legal and sexual relationships of marriage." [p.7-8]

Living Sexual Life Without Interference From State is a Perverted Notion of Liberty. "In its wake is the perverted notion of liberty that each individual should be able to live out his sexual life in any way he chooses without interference from the state." [p.9]

Information About Birth Control Increases Promiscuity

"School based health clinics that dispense birth control information and products without parental consent... have contributed to increased promiscuity rather than reduced illegitimacy." [p.5]

the state's 'conscience clause,' to health-care professionals who don't want to dispense "birth-control pill or other medicine for the purpose of performing an abortion." In 2003, McDonnell voted to pass a bill to allow health care professionals to refuse to dispense any birth control pill or other medication for the purpose of performing an abortion without fear of disciplinary or legal action. (History of HB1233, 1997 and History of HB563, 2002 and History of HB1741, 2003)

2001: McDonnell Said Emergency Contraception Was As "Egregious" as an Abortion In The Ninth Month Of A Pregnancy.

"Some people feel it's less offensive because the child is less than one week old, but that doesn't make it any less egregious than aborting a child in the ninth month," said McDonnell in reference to emergency contraception, which is often called the morning-after pill. The Richmond Times-Dispatch also reported McDonnell speaking on the subject, "'This prevents the implantation of a human embryo,' he said in a forceful floor speech. 'Should we give any less protection to a child at two days than we do at nine months?'" (*The Virginian-Pilot*, 01/26/01, and *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 02/02/01)

McDonnell Voted To Ban College Health Centers From Distributing The Morning-After Pill. The Virginian-Pilot wrote that McDonnell, on February 17, 2004, was one of 52 state House members who voted to pass HB1414, which was a bill to ban "health centers on college campuses from distributing the morning-after pill." More specifically, this was a bill to prohibit "state supported colleges from distributing the morning-after pill at their health centers," wrote AP. (*The Virginian-Pilot*, 02/18/04, History of HB1414, 2004, and *The Associated Press State & Local Wire*, 02/16/04)

McDonnell Voted Against Requiring Discussion Of The Need For Medical Help Post-Rape In Public Schools. McDonnell, on February 12, 2004,

	<p>was one of 48 state House members who voted against HB1015, which was a bill passed “over the objections of anti-abortion legislators” to require “public schools to teach the importance of seeking medical attention after a rape.” Additionally, “The measure originally called for schools to teach that emergency contraceptives can be used to prevent pregnancy after a sexual assault. An amendment...replaced the emergency contraceptive provision with the broader language on seeking medical advice.” (<i>The Associated Press State & Local Wire</i>, 02/12/02, and History of HB1015, 2004)</p>
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CLAIM:

McDonnell says he supports child day care to give woman “greater freedom to work.”
 [Washington Post, 8/30/09]

FACTS:

MCDONNELL'S THESIS ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOCIETY (1989)	MCDONNELL'S LEGISLATIVE RECORD (1992-200)
<p>Child Care Spending Will Subsidize Trend of Working Women and Feminists. “Further expenditures would be used to subsidize a dynamic new trend of working women and feminists that is ultimately detrimental to the family by entrenching a status-quo of non-parental primary nurture of children.” [p.40]</p>	<p>Bob McDonnell, in 2003, Opposed Raising Standards for Child-Care Centers. In 2003, Bob McDonnell opposed Governor Mark Warner’s plan “to raise staffing and training standards for Virginia’s childcare providers and offer more financial aid to low-income families needing a safe learning environment for their children.” (<i>The Virginian-Pilot</i>, 09/08/03)</p>
<p>Day Care Is a Product of Appetite for Materialistic Components of American Society. “While the proliferation in the day-care industry was created in part by the financial hardships of women fostered by no-fault divorce, it was also stimulated by the private choices of individuals to increase their family income, or for some women, to break their perceived stereotypical role bonds and seek workplace equality and individual self-actualization. Must government subsidize the</p>	<p>McDonnell Voted Against Improving Day Care Programs. Bob McDonnell, in 2001, voted against studying “ways to improve the education, training, financial rewards, and job stability of child care professionals to enhance the quality of child day care programs in the Commonwealth.” (History of HJ259, 2001)</p> <p>McDonnell Voted Against Allowing Local Distribution Of TANF Benefits. Bob McDonnell, on February 15, 2000, was one of 20 state House</p>

choices of a generation with an increased appetite for the materialistic components of American society?" [p.39]

Child Care Opens Door for Harm To Children.

"The capability for increasingly bureaucratized child nurture opens the door for an amplification of psychological, physical and moral harm done to children by absent parents, with the foster care system providing solid empirical evidence of the negative results of the abdication of parental care responsibilities." [p.57]

members who voted against HB986, which was a bill to permit "local departments of social services to provide" Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)-related "benefits and services to needy families in Virginia...for any purpose permitted by federal or state law. Such benefits and services include, but are not limited to, non-recurrent, short-term benefits, work subsidies, child care and transportation to families who are employed, contributions to individual development accounts and employment related services. The bill directs the State Board of Social Services to promulgate emergency regulations to implement these provisions. Finally, the bill adds up to an additional year of day care and transportation transitional services for persons whose TANF financial assistance is terminated." (History of HB986, 2000)

McDonnell, In 1995, Voted Against Giving Employees The Right To Sue Many "Small Companies That Discriminate On Race, Gender Or National Origin." SB1025, in 1995, "responded to court ruling that gave workers broad rights to sue small companies that discriminate on race, gender or national origin. The bill limited workers' ability to recover up to 12 months lost wages. Gov. George Allen proposed an amendment that would have taken away all legal recourse from workers in companies with more than five and fewer than 15 employees. Opponents said the compromise bill protected companies while giving workers limited recourse in the courts." Bob McDonnell voted for this amendment. (The Roanoke Times, 10/08/95, and History of SB1025, 1995)

McDonnell, Voted Against a Resolution In Support of Eliminating Gender-Based Wage Discrimination. Bob McDonnell, on February 6, 2001, voted against HJ800, which was a resolution to "recognize the significance of Equal Pay Day to demonstrate the disparity between wages paid to men and women," and put the General Assembly on record in support of "equal pay for equal work efforts to eliminate wage discrimination between

workers in equivalent jobs with similar skills and responsibilities.” (History of HJ800, 2001, and Text of HJ800, 2001)

CLAIM:

McDonnell says “I am not advocating vouchers as there are legal questions regarding their constitutionality in Virginia.” [Washington Post, 8/30/09]

FACTS:

MCDONNELL'S THESIS ON EDUCATION (1989)	MCDONNELL'S LEGISLATIVE RECORD (1992-2005)
<p>“Purging” of Religion From Public Schools Has Impaired Health of Family. “[T]he contemporaneous purging of religious influence in public schools has impaired the development of healthy family members.” [p.7]</p> <p>Public Schools Cannot Teach Character In Part Because of Teacher Ignorance. “It is highly doubtful that the secular school environment is the proper forum for such a program, particularly in light of current First Amendment jurisprudence. ... A teacher may be put in the awkward position of advocating objectively sound values, but unable, due to either ignorance or school rules, to explain to students why these values are good, and their connections with religious principles.” [p.44]</p> <p>Character Education Programs Can Work if Implemented with Judeo-Christian Values. “Character education program, if implemented with traditional Judeo-Christian values as the</p>	<p>One of Only Two Education Bills That McDonnell Was a Chief-Patron of, Was a Resolution to Study School Voucher Programs. Bob McDonnell, on January 25, 1994, introduced HJR187, a resolution that requested “the establishment of a joint subcommittee to study the feasibility of implementing a school choice plan in Virginia.” The proposed study was not to exceed \$6,050. The resolution proposed “a comprehensive study” to study voucher programs in other states and associated costs; constitutional, statutory and logistical issues related to school vouchers; and other effects related to school disparity, learning disabilities and language barriers. (History of HJR187, 1994)</p> <p>McDonnell Supported School Prayer On The Floor Of The House Of Delegates. On February 8th, 1994, on the floor of the House of Delegates, Bob McDonnell said, “Since 1962 when the Supreme Court of the United States first indicated and ruled that compulsory school prayer was not permissible I think the law around the 50 states has been in a great deal of confusion. The reason that this bill is needed is I think to finally create and state a public policy that there is safe harbor and that student initiated prayer is permissible under the constitution of the United States and under the laws</p>

principal substance, will undoubtedly achieve some results. While the program may not change hearts, it can change mind and behavior.” [p.58]

Separation of Church And State is Folklore.

“...leaders must correct the conventional folklore about the separation of church and state.

Historically, the religious liberty guarantees of the First Amendment were intended to prevent government encroachment upon the free church, not eliminate the impact of religion on society.” [p.62]

of Virginia. (House of Delegates Floor speech, Bob McDonnell, 2/8/1994)

McDonnell Called US Supreme Court Ruling Against School Prayer “Flawed” And “Wrong.”

The U.S. Supreme Court, in 2000, ruled against allowing “public prayer before high school football games.” “The court’s 6-3 decision stemmed from a Texas case where students and parents objected to public prayers at high school football games. Students said the prayers on the stadium public address system.” Bob McDonnell thought the decision was “flawed, wrong and one that would make the founding fathers roll over in their graves.” (*Richmond Times Dispatch*, 06/20/00)

McDonnell Supported School Prayer On The Floor Of The House Of Delegates. On March 19th, 2000, on the floor of the House of Delegates, Bob McDonnell said, “The Governor’s recommendations to SB209, which is the moment of silence bill, make it clear that the office of the Attorney General shall intervene should there be any constitutional challenges to this statute and is responsible for all of the representation, all of the cost of the representation in defense of any lawsuits. I hope it will be the pleasure of the House to adopt these amendments.” (House of Delegates Floor speech, Bob McDonnell, 4/19/00)

McDonnell, in 1993 Said He Supports School Vouchers. Bob McDonnell, in 1993, said he wants to “improve education with a voucher system that allows parents to use tax money for public or private schools.” (*The Virginian-Pilot*, 10/26/93)

Bob McDonnell, in 1999, Said he Supports School Vouchers. Bob McDonnell, in 1999, checked off on a questionnaire that the state should “provide parents with state-funded vouchers to send their children to any participating school (public, private, religious).” (Attorney General Robert Francis ‘Bob’ McDonnell, Project Vote-Smart Virginia State Legislative Election 1999 National Political Awareness Test)

WASHINGTON POST: A “BLUEPRINT” FOR GOVERNING

“The 93-page document, which is publicly available at the Regent University library, culminates with a 15-point action plan that McDonnell said the Republican Party should follow to protect American families -- a vision that he started to put into action soon after he was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates.”

-The Washington Post, August 30, 2009

MCDONNELL’S THESIS ON MARRIAGE (1989)	MCDONNELL’S LEGISLATIVE RECORD (1992-2005)
<p>Government Policy Should Favor Married Couples Over Others. “[E]very level of government should statutorily and procedurally prefer married couples over cohabitators, homosexuals or fornicators. The cost of sin should fall on the sinner not the taxpayer. While such thinking may be attacked for lacking political realism in a changing world, it is imperative that government stand firm in support of traditional values.” [p.65]</p> <p>Republican Policy Should End No-Fault Divorce. McDonnell wrote that Republicans should “reverse the no-fault divorce trend, by documenting for state legislators the pain for women and children when the covenant can be so easily discarded. The law is a tutor for the young, and no-fault undermines the importance of accountability and commitment.” [p.67]</p> <p>State Cannot Alter Terms of Marriage. “Family arises out of this divinely-created covenant of marriage between a man and a woman, the terms of which can neither be originally set nor subsequently altered by the parties or the state. Single life and other households of relatives or friends living together must be regarded as a proper exercise of liberty, but there is no requirement that government promulgate policies which treat alternative lifestyle living arrangements equally with the preferred</p>	<p>McDonnell Sought to Repeal Virginia’s “No-Fault” Divorces. McDonnell “sought both to restrict and to repeal Virginia's no-fault law, which requires a year's separation for couples with minor children, and six months for childless couples.” (Virginian-Pilot, Ann Sjoerdsma op-ed, 2/9/98)</p> <p>McDonnell Spoke Out Against No-Fault Divorces on the House Floor. During a floor speech on the floor of the House of Delegates on his Covenant Marriage bill, McDonnell said, “1930, we had 1.1 divorces per 1000 Virginia residents. In 1970, before the advent of no-fault divorce, we had about 2.4 divorces per 1000 residents. The latest figures that are available in 1995 show about 4.5 divorces per 1000 Virginia residents. And I tell you that to say that in some 70 years in Virginia, that we’ve had about a 4 fold increment in the number of divorces. And there are situations where divorce is absolutely necessary, but I am telling you that the trend over time has led to an increased dissolution in the basic institution in society, and that is the marriage.” (House of Delegates Floor speech, Bob McDonnell on HB1434, 2/14/00)</p> <p>McDonnell Sponsored 4 Bills To Enact Covenant Marriage Laws. Bob McDonnell sponsored 4 bills through his career in the legislature to create “a form of marriage in which the parties must, before marrying, obtain premarital counseling and recite and sign a declaration of intent acknowledging that</p>

traditional family.” [p.13]

marriage is a lifelong relationship and pledging to obtain marital counseling should difficulties arise.” These laws would be optional for those entering into a marriage agreement. (HB1056, 1998 and HB2736, 1999 and HB1534, 2000 and HB2793, 2003)

MCDONNELL’S THESIS ON REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE (1989)

MCDONNELL’S LEGISLATIVE RECORD (1992-2005)

Roe v. Wade Allows the Unborn to be Destroyed. “In 1973, the Court in the Roe v. Wade decision gave the individual the right to destroy the unborn through abortion” [p.8]

Bob McDonnell Pushed Anti-Choice Agenda Every Year as a Delegate, Sponsoring and Co-Sponsoring 35 Bills to Restrict a Woman’s Right to Choose. Bob McDonnell, as a Delegate between 1992 and 2005, pushed his agenda to restrict a woman’s right to choose, by sponsoring or co-sponsoring abortion bills every year he was in office, totaling 35 bills in the end. By comparison, staunch anti-choice Del. Bob Marshall was the sponsor or co-sponsor of just 9 more abortion bills than McDonnell during the same time period. (Legislative Information Services, 1992-2005)

Strategy to Fight Abortion Should Be to Chip Away at Fringes. “The Republican strategy must be to exercise perseverance and chip away at the fringes, as has been done with abortion funding [.]” [p.54]

Washington Post: “McDonnell is a Leader in the Antiabortion Movement”. “McDonnell is a leader in the antiabortion movement. He sponsored legislation to require a 24-hour waiting period before a woman could have an abortion and helped write the 2003 law that banned a late-term abortion procedure. He favors allowing abortions only in cases in which the mother’s life is at risk.” (Washington Post, 11/3/05)

Banning Abortion Funding for Low-Income Women has Produced Good Results. “Where Republicans have been successful in using parliamentary tactics or compromise to get bills passed the results, to the degree verifiable, have been good. Clearly, the banning of federal funding for abortion through the Hyde amendment and the encouragement of adoption for unwed mothers in the Adolescent Family Life Act, have helped to constrain the ability of low-income women, those most likely to become pregnant out of wedlock, to have abortions. Coincidentally, the annual abortion rate has leveled off at approximately 1.5 million per year.” [p.57]

McDonnell: “I Have Been the Chief Patron of Numerous Measures to Advance the Protections for Unborn Children.” McDonnell on the Family Foundation blog: “During my 17 years in elected office I have not only voted to support the pro-life position, but have been the chief patron of numerous measures to advance the protections for unborn children. We have made great progress over the last decade in Virginia, enacting parental notification, parental consent, informed consent,

and the partial-birth abortion ban, all of which I have fought for as a Delegate, and defended and advanced as your Attorney General." (Family Foundation blog, 1/21/08, <http://www.familyfoundationblog.com/?p=89>)

Bob McDonnell Email Claimed Republican Party Has Protected "Right to Life," Democrats Would Threaten it. Bob McDonnell, in an August 20, 2007 email entitled "What's at Stake in 2007," said "it is the Republican Party that has protected the...right to life. A Democrat majority would surely mean a reversal of many of the gains we've made over the last fifteen years." (McDonnell Email, 8/20/2007)

As Attorney General, McDonnell "Supported Numerous Bills to Protect the Unborn"

McDonnell's campaign website: "Bob McDonnell is pro-life. As Attorney General, Bob supported numerous bills to protect the unborn and defended the Commonwealth's ban on late-term partial birth abortion."

http://www.bobmcdonnell.com/index.php/issues/protecting_families/
