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Child Development

GEORGE REKERS, Author of Growing Up Straight and Shaping Your Child's Sexual Identity

"Female Homosexuals, more often than heterosexual females have a very poor or no relationship to their father or a father figure...The unisex philosophy which is so popular now in the media, and TV, and magazines, is confusing a lot of people. As a matter of fact, the National Organization of Women, for example, has set out, as one of its goals, to eliminate all distinctions based on sex...Macho is promiscuous, but true masculinity would protect a woman, and not expose a woman to pregnancy, for example, unless you're married to her...Severe cross-gender identity problems, more than just a tom-boy phase,...can develop in puberty if,...[a girl] doesn't want to be a girl, [if] she doesn't want to grow up and have babies."

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 1-2-83

FALWELL

Unemployment

"The bum...he's full of excuses...If you could take out of that ten point something percent unemployed, if you could take out of that number, all the persons who really don't want a job, they just want to draw a paycheck..Who are just running from this job and working it long enough to get back on the rolls of unemployment, so they can draw their rocking chair money...Who are claiming to be sick, but you can find them playing golf on Monday, riding the boat on Tuesday, running all over the country, driving, vacationing. But when you talk work, they are lying down in a wheelchair suddenly. If you take that group out of that 10.4%, it might be 5.2%. Just might be, I'm just throwing that out. I've met a few, maybe they just live around here, I don't know. But I think they are all over the country. And I think that we have raised up a generation of bums, who are full of excuses, in this country...some of these young men think that manual labor is the President of Mexico."

Registering for the Draft

"Somebody asked me at Yale, 'Do you think that a Christian could have conscience about registering for the draft and object to registering?' I said 'I do believe that we need...an opportunity for a religious person to conscientiously object...I do not believe any grounds...for not registering...taking a non-combative position.'"

Taxes

"You have no grounds for not paying taxes."

"God doesn't hold you responsible for where [your tax money]

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goes you don't have any right to be a rebel against your government and the authorities."

Drugs and Herpes

"Why so many drug addicts today? Why a herpes epidemic?"

"That rebellion of the 60s and the 70s has brought the judgment of God upon this nation in the 80s."

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 1-9-84

FALWELL

Nuclear Freeze

Falwell told about a "Peace Through Strength" march which had occurred in Lynchburg. General George Keegan, U.S. Air Force (ret.), had led the local Young Americans for Freedom group and students from Liberty Baptist College. Falwell praised that example they set a free-born Americans, who have a duty to be "a beacon of freedom to....those people imprisoned by the hammer and sickle."

"You know America's cocky. We have that crazy idea that we're going to run this country the way we please. We're powerful, we're wealthy. Oh, I know that most people are not saying that, but we prove it; we've developed a welfare state. And now, now, there are those persons out there marching in the streets telling us that we ought to unilaterally disarm...Thank God, we have a president and some people in leadership who are willing to defend this country and to build our defenses against the national media's promotion and everything else, and against those who are marching in the streets. And that movement, I repeat, for the most part was spawned in Moscow. This nuclear freeze thing was spawned in Moscow."

Fundraising

Falwell announced that, due to the generosity of God's people, the Old Time Gospel Hour will be seen on prime-time television, once a month, in 1983. [According to newspaper accounts, Falwell raised \$14 million in his December, 1982 campaign.]

FEMINISTS AND ABORTION

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Feminists. Pat Robertson described the development of the family since the Creation. He said that in recent years, feminists have become very vocal and are causing much of the conflict in our society. Robertson said, "the militant, homosexual movement is...working against the heterosexual idea of men, women and children."

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Women and
Abortion.

Pat Robertson said: "It is the cult of self-fulfillment which says: "I will abort a baby if I don't want him, because I have a right not to be encumbered by a child. So, if I happen to have one I'll just kill him before he's born, so that I don't have to be bothered, so that I can be fulfilled."" Robertson said:

"Unless the mothers, especially, in our society are willing to give up the so-called immediate quest for self-identity, and are willing to submerge themselves, if you will, into the good of the family unit, and ultimately, the good of all society; we're going to find terrible problems, as we're having young people grow up without love. We have teen-age delinquents and juvenile delinquents. We have people who themselves are not willing to form a lasting relationship in marriage, because they haven't had role models in the past. We have people with changing sex identities, women who want to be men, and men who want to be women, so they form homosexual relationships. There is this tearing apart of the family and it's not going to end until people are saying: 'I will give myself to God Almighty. I will submit to His will.'"

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Reagan's
Positions.

A portion of President Reagan's radio broadcast from Saturday, January 22, was presented. Reagan reiterated his stand against "abortion on demand" and his support for a school prayer amendment.

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March for
Life.

A film clip was aired on the annual March for Life, which took place in Washington on the tenth anniversary of the Roe v. Wade case. At the march, Dee Jepsen read a statement from the President. Part of an interview with Representative Hyde (R-IL) was shown. Hyde said he was introducing a new bill, dealing with abortion and infanticide, which would, when enacted, give the Supreme Court an opportunity to reverse its earlier decision.

Pat Robertson commented:

"We don't want to change -- nobody wants to change -- the Constitution. The problem is, the Supreme Court found in the Constitution something that didn't exist before, in what they call the preumbra, which is sort of a cloud in the 14th Amendments, which is even questionable if it applies to the states at all.... The

Supreme Court made it apply, in other words, they changed the Constitution. And then, they have now changed the Constitution in relation to prayer, and in relation to abortion. But, what about all these court cases? Are the courts leading, and enforcing something on America that we don't want? Or, are the courts mirroring the attitudes of the people?"

DEBT AND MARRIAGE

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Tax Burden on Families. Statistics were given on the tax structure, which according to a CBN commentary, penalizes couples for having children. The tax burden on families has risen over 100% for those with one child, and about 240% for those with two children. This factor "erodes the economic utility of the family" and promotes divorce. Robertson said:

"And so, there is a tax put on marriages, through inflation. And, during the last 20 years, the government has been spending and spending and spending; but, it has hidden that spending through inflation. But inflation, along about the mid-1960s and '70s, has put such a burden on people that they say: 'We can't live, the prices are too high.' So, the wives have to go to work; the children have to go to day care centers. So the children grow up unloved. So the ruptures begin to develop in marriages. People are just frazzled; they've been working all day, they've got to look after children. It's an impossible burden, and a large part of it was caused by the inflationary spiral, which in turn was caused by government, which in turn was supposed to take care of everybody's needs. So you set up a vicious cycle; caused by humanistic thinking that says: 'There is no God, and man can live as he pleases, without any rules from God.'"

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'Debt Causes Impotence.'

Robertson went into an explanation of one of the "great problems of marriage, the problem of debt." He said:

"[For] fifty percent of the men who are having problems with impotence, the impotence is caused by the burden of debts. They can't pay their debts and it's just causing this psychological feeling of impotence.... So, it comes through, into their sex lives. You see, it's a double problem in marriage."

DIVORCE AND SINGLE PARENTS

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Christians and Divorce. Robertson claimed that couples who read and obey the Bible almost never get divorced. He said:

"The divorce rate may be 1 out of 2 for those in our society who are living according to the humanistic teachings of the elites of our world. But for those who live according to the teachings of Jesus

Christ and the Bible, who read the Bible and practice its teaching, the divorce rate is 1 out of every 1100. So, you don't have to get all shakey about your marriage. If you and your husband will unite yourselves in Jesus Christ and live by his words, your marriage will be strong; because, He has principles that will touch you."

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Single
Parents.

Pat Robertson said that the greatest problem with divorce is the number of children left in single-parent homes. These children he said do not have adequate role models, and suffer from psychological shock. The mothers, Robertson said, struggle to support their families, a task for which they are usually unprepared. Robertson said this causes women to end up in very low-wage jobs or go on welfare. He said:

"How do you leave little babies and go down to the welfare office?...And then, the next thing you know, the Social Services Department comes in and says: 'You're not keeping those children as you should; we're going to take them away from you and give them to someone else.' And so there's an added anguish."

Robertson stated that there is a high incidence of Black single mothers.

"Many of these [single mothers] are in the Black community. And this is one of the great pockets of poverty -- is the Black women who are trying so valiantly to hold the family together. Their husbands have left them, and they're living out some place else. They're able to get, maybe, 3 or 4 or 5, 6,000 dollars a year, at the outside. And they're almost chronically on welfare, because they're literally helpless in a society, to raise their children.... And, here is an area that we need to help very much, but it's one of the great statistics of anguish in our society."

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Victims of
Divorce.

In this segment of "Battle for the Family," Pat Robertson made this opening statement about children from broken homes.

"Today, we're going to introduce the victims of divorce. Do you know that in America there are 12 million children under the age of 18, who were from divorced homes? Living with one parent or the other, like ping-pong balls or tennis balls between two contestants. And, according to a report from one of the leading state universities, the rise of homosexuality in America is directly attributed to children from divorced homes, who failed to gain the proper identity with the parent of the same sex. That's the number one problem. There is a mild dysfunction in at least 25% of all the children from divorced homes...there are psychological problems.... Young people aren't able to cope with it."

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Pat Robertson cited the increasing incidence of divorce as a cause of the growing phenomenon of violent, "teeny-bopper" gangs. He said: "That is one of the prices that society is paying for our easy attitudes toward sex and the procreation of life." When children grow up in broken homes, without love, according to Robertson, they turn to groups to establish family-like ties.

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Divorce
Laws.

In a taped interview, Betty Caplan-Goren, Professor of Educational Developmental, said she believes making divorce harder won't solve the problem of divorce; instead, we should make marriage more difficult to get into in the first place. She thinks that young people today have less commitment to their responsibilities, and are looking more toward the "here and now" than the long-term relationship.

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Legislating
Morality.

Pat Robertson said that one of the arguments against social legislation is the belief that it's impossible to legislate morality. He gave examples of why this was "pure hogwash." He said:

Divorce.

"We have on the books of every state a law against murder. Well, that's one of the commandments of God: 'Thou shalt not kill.'.... And many of the new types of laws are legislating a new type of morality.... When you make divorces easy, people get divorces, because it becomes the law; it's ok. The legislators and the rulers say: 'It's ok.' So, in a sense, the people follow the lead. The leaders follow the people, and the people follow the leaders. And when you have this kind of thing, you have a vicious cycle, without any external standard. The standard has to be the Bible, or you'll continue to spiral downward."

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No-fault
Divorce.

Pat Robertson stated that divorce is very different today than what it used to be when "the early laws of the country reflected the teachings of Jesus Christ, and the teachings of Paul, as recorded in the Bible." Robertson claimed that this change has taken place, not as "the result of the desire of the people, [but as] the result of court and legislative decisions." In a taped interview with Dr. Herb Titus of the CBN University School of Public Policy, Titus said that the new, no-fault divorce laws have made divorce an "easy way out" and may lead to the "demise of the traditional American family." When asked, who the advocates of the no-fault divorce were, Titus responded:

"[The no-fault divorce] came out of the universities, and it came out of the sociologists and other humanist people who do not believe in the responsibility of human beings for their conduct. They desire to incorporate the atheistic, evolutionary view of who human beings are. That's why the word 'no-fault.' After all, if we are just an accidental product of nature, then why should we be bound for life with someone who we don't like?...We need to go back to the two fault grounds that were available under the Scriptures, as stated by Jesus and Paul and as understood by the writers of our common law. It's the only answer. It's the only way we're going to restore family life in the nation."

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"Quickie"
Divorces.

Pat Robertson presented a sampling of books and magazines glamorizing divorce and a manual showing couples how to get their own "quickie" divorce. He praised the Pope for expunging a trial annulment rule from

the new code of Church Law, which had been making annulment as automatic as divorce is today. Robertson encouraged people to get religious and marriage counseling before going through a divorce, or to call the 700 Club. He said:

"God's Way." "There are many people who are hurting. Some people don't know what to do. They don't know what the standards of marriage and divorce are. We'll tell you those things, and we want to help you, and we ask for the privilege of helping you, if you ever have a need.... Even though you've made mistakes in your life, God cares.... [But] you'll have to do it his way, though. If you insist on having Him work it out your way, your way is not right. You're tried your way and you've made a mess of things, haven't you. Now, how about trying it God's way?"

WORKING WOMEN

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Role of
Women.

Robertson claimed that most working women work out of economic necessity and would rather be traditional wives and mothers if they had a choice. He said that the role reversal, pressed by the "macho feminist leaders" and the news media, is creating stress for the family. Robertson presented statistics from "national surveys" which, he said, show that people still hold "more traditional beliefs than you may think."

Robertson illustrated the pressure women feel to move away from traditional roles by describing a letter his wife, Dede, received from Planned Parenthood. In it, he said:

"Katherine Hepburn was urging Dede not to pay attention to the 'outdated nostrums' of the television preachers who would tell her that the family roles were what they say in the Bible, instead of the changing new role. ...There is enormous pressure, it's coming in the mail, like this letter I was referring to from Planned Parenthood; it's coming in from the so-called liberated feminists. And the role-models and the changing perspective in America is very strong.... There is a shifting from some deeply held Judeo-Christian positions into a more modern position to take into account the realities of what's happening."

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Children
of Working
Mothers.

Robertson aired several clips from child development specialists, who tended to support his statement that working women place "the next generation at stake." They all agreed that children from homes where the mother worked were more likely to have emotional problems stemming from the loss of time and love from the mother. The child, they said, becomes peer dependent, disrespectful of the parents, and has a lower self-esteem, a poorer view of the future, and has more trouble forming lasting relationships.

Robertson said that it is possible for a woman to work outside of the home, if she has to, and have a healthy marriage and well-raised children.

He told about his administrative assistant who is successful in doing all these things. Robertson explained:

"There is only one differentiating factor.... She is deeply committed to the Biblical role of marriage and the role of a wife and mother in marriage. And because of her commitment to Jesus Christ, her family is not in jeopardy.... But, if that same woman had to get up at 5:30 in the morning, scream and yell at her kids and husband, had her husband running around, drinking, she was drinking, trying to party, [she] went out to work and came back and the kids were on drugs and what have you, [then] her family would be absolutely a basket case. You could just guarantee that it would be the subject of a divorce action."

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'Shaping
the future
Generation.'

Pat Robertson commented on working women and their children. He said:

"Now here is the Christian position concerning this. I don't think there's anything wrong with a woman who is intelligent, who is well-educated and trained, finding a career. But, when you have the responsibility of raising children, there is no more important job in all the world than shaping the future generation. Wasn't it said that 'he who rocks the cradle, rules the world?' And that's exactly true. Who was Adolf Hitler's mother? Adolf Hitler's mother was a woman who had been raped, apparently, by a Jewish man, or she thought she had. And she put into that little boy, the hatred of Jews. And, because of that mother, 6 million innocent people were slaughtered by her son. What was Joseph Stalin's mother like? What was Franklin Roosevelt's mother like?"

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Women's
Health

Pat Robertson said that women, who used to be protected by female hormones, are now being affected by the same stresses that men have always been subject to. He indicated that women's search for fulfillment in work will cause them to lose their extended life-spans. He said:

"What we have now [is this] enormous strain that's being placed on women who have to be loving, submissive wives, and attentive, caring mothers and also business executives. And, I might add, one of the spin-offs of the women's lib movement is women are now beginning to get lung cancer on the same level as men, because they are beginning to take up male habits, namely smoking...They're beginning to show all the symptoms of the male."

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Incomes
of Women.

Pat Robertson presented some statistics which, he claimed, showed that women who work only add \$2,000 net pay to the total income of their families. He implied that "after all that work," it wasn't worth it, because the wife had to leave the children alone, and she was probably reducing the earning capacity of her husband. Robertson said that because half of all mothers work outside of the home, "whether we like it or not," he intended to examine the trade-off involved and "whether it is fair to women and society."

Connaught Marshner of the Free Congress Foundation was shown on a film clip. She said:

"The casualties of the macho-feminist movement are children; men have been the second casualty. And women have been the third casualty, because they were given the illusion that they would find happiness, fulfillment, joy, triumph, whatever, if they would just pursue this macho-feminist lifestyle. And it just doesn't produce that. It produces misery, ill health, sometimes, unhappiness, an even worse self-image than you started with. So, they're the casualties too. Everyone has lost because of it."

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Wife Stays
at Home.

In response to a question from a woman who wants to stay at home, but whose husband is asking her to go to work, Robertson said:

"A wife gives tremendous ability to a husband, no question about it. And so, instead of being able to earn \$17,000, maybe he can earn \$30,000 or \$40,000 a year; because his mind can be free to concentrate on the business. So, husbands, if you've got any sense, you've got a good thing going for you; you don't know how fortunate you are. Don't try to send your wife out to work, and push her out. Say: 'Help me.' And then you begin to look to God to let you excel, because you have the secret weapon that us husbands had better appreciate."

"You know, a wife needs to be submissive to her husband; this is one of the big problems that we're having.... It's not just any longer the woman who wants to work, but the husbands are forcing wives out of the home. And it's a big mistake, especially if they're with children."

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Schlafly.

Pat Robertson made a confusing reference to an article written by Phyllis Schlafly in which she quoted an Art Buchwald column on 'militant feminists.' Robertson said:

"According to Phyllis Schlafly, and I'm just quoting, I'm not giving any validity to this; I don't know whether this is true, but she said, there've been laws all across the nation, where the very militant feminists have tried to mitigate against the working wives, because it is a disadvantage to a working woman to be up against a man who's got a wife.... She's looking after the house, she's making a nest, she's making a comfortable place where he can live, she's looking after his children for him, and she is a very productive person. Now that man can exceed a working woman, a working mother, who has to work and then go back home and take care of her children."

SOCIETAL PROBLEMS AND THE FAMILY

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Society's
Downfall.

Pat Robertson enumerated the problems of today that cause our society to fall: venereal disease, abortion, divorce, fiscal irresponsibility. Robertson said:

"You can't have all these things and expect to have a healthy society. It's going to continue to aggravate the private sector. It's going to be progressively weakened by the huge growth of government. And, as government becomes God; it's going to go broke, because only God himself can solve people's problems."

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Social
Security
Reform.

Pat Robertson called the recommendations of the Commission on Social Security a "disaster;" since, instead of reforming the system, they are going to "load up the young worker with increased heavy tax burdens." Robertson said that we do have a responsibility to "help people in their elderly years," but, when the Social Security system was set up people weren't living much past 62 or 65. So, he concluded:

"The assumptions that were made in 1935 are no longer valid. And all it would take to solve the problems, financially, of Social Security would be to defer the retirement age of vigorous, physically-active, elderly people.... Instead of that, the Commission doesn't want to take the simple route, doesn't want to grapple with the real problem; instead they put a band-aid on, and the band-aid is in the form of another tax....

Welfare
State.

"And it is the concept that whatever problem goes wrong in a welfare, socialistic-type of state, the state is going to be responsible. If people are involved in herpes, we've got to pay the bill. If there are 20 million alcoholics, we have to pay the bill. If people are getting lung cancer on account of smoking, we have to pay the bill. If there are people on drugs who are just bombed out of their minds, the state has to pay the bill. If there are people running out on their marriages and breaking their marriage vows, then we have to pay the bill. And it gets so we can't pay the bill any longer. Then, on top of that, we are saying, when people are elderly, then we have to pay the bill for that."

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Throw-away
Grand-
parents.

Robertson said that family size has decreased significantly since 1940, both because people aren't having as many children and because they aren't taking their elderly parents into the home. He said:

"We're the throw-away generation: we throw away wives, we throw away husbands, we throw away children, we throw away cars, we throw away pop bottles, and we throw away our grandparents. But, in this modern society we live in, through technological advances, the life expectancy has gone up,...[but] families are no longer looking after their elderly."

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Funding.

Pat Robertson stated that "a small percentage of funds from 700 Club members goes to support..." at which point he cut himself off to describe the origins of the Freedom Council. He said:

"We founded a year or so ago, at your behest really, something called the Freedom Council. We took a survey of our audience, and we said: 'Do you want a Prayer Amendment?' 96% of the people responding said:

'We want an Amendment which will return to the United States, the original meaning of the First Amendment, and restore freedom to us to worship God. We're tired of the erosion of our religious freedoms.' So, in essence, in response to you, and what we know that you want; we started an organization that is now operating in 50 states, called the Freedom Council. Its one purpose is to restore religious freedom. We want to see that amendment pass because that's what you say, and that's what 75% of the people in America say. We must let the children pray! They've been traumatized enough. And they've got to find God.... They said: 'We will not permit prayer; that is, we will not allow freedom of religion at all in schools.' They can't talk about the Bible with one another in the schoolroom at all! Now, I'm not talking about state-imposed; the court said they can't do it on their own. And, 24 sitting Senators petitioned the court to hear the case and the court turned them down; just slapped them in the face. One quarter of the entire United States Senate petitioned the court and they slapped them in the face; wouldn't grant certiori. Well, here's what the Freedom Council's doing; we've got to see this changed..."

Reagan's
Support.

Ladies and Gentlemen, there's never been a better time; when we've got the President of the United States standing up and, in his State of the Union Address saying: "I'm going to put the weight of my administration behind it' [the School Prayer Amendment]. You can't have it any better and, it's either now or never. And so, if you're interested in joining the Freedom Council, you can write or call the 700 Club."

COURTS

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Lubbock,
TX School
Case.

Pat Robertson reported on the case concerning use of school facilities for religious meetings in Lubbock, Texas. In an unprecedented move, Senator Hatfield and 24 other U.S. Senators joined with national religious organizations in filing amicus briefs in favor of the case being heard before the Supreme Court. Robertson called the denial of the petition for certiori "the most blatant attack on freedom of speech" that has ever been handed down by the Supreme Court. He also criticized the court's decision in the Roe v. Wade case which he said "was wrong, 100%... and it just opened up a slaughter of children." Robertson continued, saying:

"These are just two decisions, but there are many others like it. And the people have got to do something, or our family structure is going to be destroyed by judicial decisions.... We're giving all of our problems to the courts, and they're coming out with some very bad decisions. And, in this case, it's an unelected tyranny that I think has got to be stopped."

"Ladies and gentlemen, the Supreme Court is just thumbing its nose at the majority of the people.... I think it's shocking, and I think, if we don't do something about it, it's just one more blow at the family, to take away the Christian foundation of our young people.... Because there's going to be less religious training, less opportunity for the Christians principles. And, if we don't undergrid the family

with Christian principles, the family is desperately in trouble, and our society is desperately in trouble as a consequence. And this Supreme Court is just making it that much worse. I am appalled at the arrogance of those men,...but this is typical."

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Abortion
Decision.

Pat Robertson aired a segment on an Akron, Ohio, test case on the right to obtain an abortion. A challenge of a 1978 ordinance which, Robertson said, "places some hurdles between women and abortion," may reach the Supreme Court. Robert commented:

"Wouldn't it be honorable if Their Honorables would decide to reverse Roe v. Wade, or at least modify it considerably? Because, boy, they've done a lot of damage in our country over the last 10, 20 years. The prayer in school decision, the busing decision, the interference in all manner of legislative processes, and this abortion decision. They have upset the fabric of this society more radically than anything that has been done. And yet, they just are allowed, because they are enshrined in their black robes. And, one day that temple is going to come crushing down upon them, unless something happens. They have an opportunity, this spring, to modify, if not reverse what they did in Roe v. Wade. I don't believe they'll reverse it, but they might well change it, to slow down the awful, awful pace of the slaughter of life. It's worse than anything Adolf Hitler did in some of the Holocaust. We have killed more babies in our country than he killed Jewish people in the full-orbed blast of the Holocaust in Germany. And it's kind of a terrible thing in our society when we begin to devour our young."

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Abortion.

Pat Robertson introduced a piece on three state court cases which may affect the Supreme Court decision on abortion in Roe v. Wade. Robertson said:

"On the 22nd of this month, ten years ago, the Supreme court decided that they were going to throw over all the history of the United States, the laws in virtually all 50 states that had been passed by the elected officials, and to proclaim the fact that the product of human conception is not a person.... You've got to figure that if it's ok to have sex, and the high priests of humanism say sex is pretty good however you want to have it -- in marriage, out of marriage, kids, old people, anybody, wherever, -- then the unnecessary side-produce of having sex, of course, is life. Sex was made to create life!... And then you say: 'But, I just wanted to have sex, I didn't want to have life.' And so, the high priest said: 'Well, that's not life, that's not a human being, therefore you can terminate it and destroy it, as long as it's not 3 months old, or 4 months old, or 6 months old, or 8 months old, or however. Just as long as it hasn't emerged from the mother's womb, you can kill it!'

"So the Supreme Court struck down all the state laws. And so, everybody who wants to go back, 11 years back to where we used to be,

is called now a radical right-winger.... That's the new label. The ones that [sic] say that the elected officials of the states ought to be allowed to pass the laws the people want, that's radicalism!"

GOVERNMENT POLICIES

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Contra- Pat Robertson aired a segment on the new federal regulations requiring
ceptives that publically-funded gynecological clinics send notification to the
and Minors. parents of minors who receive prescription contraceptives. Robertson
supported this rule, saying:

"What is the government got to do, taking your children and giving them things without telling you? I mean, they've been given you by God. Why does the government get its fingers into your children's lives? And they're doing it against your will and with your tax money. That's the problem.... And it's happening on all sorts of fronts, this is only one small area of what the government does, contrary to the will of the people. In other words, they're putting in court decrees, contrary to people. They're sending our literature and propaganda, contrary to the will of the people, and they're using your money to do it...."

"[F]ornication, that's a bad word these days. Now they call it that the teenagers are sexually active. Well, sexually active before they get married is called fornication, and happens to be sin, and it's wrong. Well, nobody in the government could ever say anything's wrong. So, when you think of it, you still have 20 million cases of herpes, and all that contraception hasn't helped that one bit.... Cause they figure there's no danger any longer. There's plenty of danger! That's one problem. Plus there's 600,000 teenage pregnancies. And what they need is instruction in morality, rather than just contraceptives slipped to the kids and birth control pills without their parents' knowledge. It's bad!"

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Interest Following an announcement that Richard Schweiker had resigned, Pat
Groups. Robertson complained that pressure from liberal groups was causing Reagan to lose Cabinet members. He noted that the deficit would be \$200 billion next year, and though Reagan is trying to control spending, he hasn't been able to cut enough from departments like HHS, because of all the lobbying from interest groups. Robertson said:

'Defunding the Left.'

"We want to do a little feature...about how much money is going from the government to organizations which are a tad to the left of center of our political spectrum; who are getting all this money, in turn, to turn around and work against the conservative point of view. It's incredible, what's happening. And so, one of the programs of the Reagan administration is to 'defund the left.' But, they haven't had a very good success at it, because every time anybody starts to try to cut the budget, these guys start screaming. And I think that should be brought out, because it's extremely interesting, and it's adding to our incredible deficit."

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Federal
Spending.

Pat Robertson accused politicians of merely "posturing" and not really dealing with the economic problems of our country. He said that unemployment is largely, as Reagan stated, structural, and that many jobs are just disappearing. Robertson also supported Reagan's tax cut. To lower the federal deficit, he advised:

"We shouldn't raise taxes. That would devastate industry. We shouldn't continue tight money under any circumstances. And, what has got to be done, there is at least a \$100 billion of wasteful spending in the federal government, and the government ought to cut it out. They ought to cut out wasteful defense spending, because there's a great deal of it. They ought to cut out some of the wasteful things like giving to public radio, or the arts, things like that; you just can't afford those things now. You can maybe in good times, but you can't afford to be commissioning leftist propaganda on your radio or television, or the paintings of various way-out artists in this kind of an environment. You can't do it. The money isn't available."

FAMILIES

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Arranged
Marriages.

In response to a question from his audience, Pat Robertson said that more people would have better marriages if they were arranged by their parents. He said that young couples don't know what they're doing when they choose to get married, and they should rely more on the advise, if not the consent, of their parents.

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Christian
"Mate."

In response to a question about a "live-in lover," Pat Robertson lectured his audience on the evils of fornication. He told women not to "give yourselves for free...God has a mate for you;" and that God will give women a Christian husband and family, if they don't rush into temporary relationships when they're young.

Old Time Gospel Hour

January 16, 1983

Fundraising. Jerry Falwell announced the start of the 1983 campaign to add new faith partners who each give at least \$10 per month. These contributions support the Old Time Gospel Hour on 400 TV stations and 500 radio stations. This year's goal is to gain 150,000 new members in the next few weeks or months. Falwell praised his audience for helping to sponsor an upcoming series of prime time broadcasts. He said this will allow the Old Time Gospel Hour to lead hundreds of thousands of American to Christ.

Newsletter. Falwell stated that people who contribute to the Old Time Gospel Hour will receive the publication, "For Faith Partners Only." In the first issue, Falwell explains the scriptural support for capital punishment, the age of accountability of children, and whether dinosaurs were on board the ark.

Dictators
out of
Poverty.

Falwell stated that when heads of nations, like Castro, Andropov and Kaddafi, violate the laws of God, their administrations will be short and will end in violent overthrow. Falwell also asserted:

"You know, when a poor man gets in power, think of Mr. Castro down in Cuba, he was supposed to replace Batista, he was going to be the savior and the deliverer; everyone was talking in the American press about that great liberator, Fidel Castro. Some intelligent people said: 'No, we think he's a Marxist,' but they were shouted down by the American media: 'Why, he just freeing those dear Cuban people from the horrible dictatorship of the former dictator.' It wasn't very long before we found out that he was just a ditto of Kruschew, that's all, nothing more, a horrible situation.... Now the people of Cuba are in terrible condition, horrible condition, all worse then they were. I'm not condemning the former dictatorship; it's like the Shah of Iran. I didn't like all the things he did over there, and I didn't approve of the way he ran the country, but I would take ten Shahs to one Kohmeni. Any sensible person would. And yet, the American press that was berating the Shah or Iran has been strangely silent about this vicious, theocratic monster, the Ayatolla Kohmeni. Because they got what they wanted, they got the Shah out. They did away with that friend of America."

Stability
of Social
Insti-
tutions.

In the context of a sermon based on Proverbs, Chapter 28, Falwell interpreted Solomon's words as setting out God's principles of leadership. Falwell said:

Marxist
Teachers.

"I think, in this country, that if we're going to have stability in this nation, we've got to have stable homes, stable families, stable pastors and churches and educational institutions. Isn't it a tragedy that in our schools these days, we have avowed Marxists who unashamedly stand up and say so, and teach our students, whom we are paying to educate them? Isn't that a tragedy?"

Strong
National
Defense.

"I was just talking with General George Keegan, U.S. Air Force (ret.), a great American. He was in Lynchburg to help lead an anti-nuclear freeze march. Now, that's my kind of march. I'm for a strong national defense as the best deterrent to war.... I certainly hope, someday, we can disarm. But it can't be unilateral; it can't even be bilateral. There are a dozen nations or more that have the bomb today, and God knows how many more. There's got to be multilateral disarmament with impeccable inspection by everybody involved, total safeguards, fool-proof safeguards, so we don't expose our little children in the next generation to slavery. I don't want to be responsible for my children growing up under the hammer and sickle. I mean, if it's going to come to that, I'm not of that philosophy, 'better red ~~that red.~~' I'd rather be dead than red. And if we're going to wipe out and put that flag up, let's just wipe out all the way. [Perhaps] that's a foolish statement, but it's not a foolish statement if you believe in freedom. If you're a Marxist, a Leninist, it's a foolish statement. Or, if you don't care about

freedom and you don't care about the liberties that we enjoy, it's a foolish statement. But, I repeat, I don't believe 'better red than dead,' I believe better dead than red. And it's time for a generation to stand up and say so."

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Treaties
with the
Soviets.

Falwell discussed the requirement that leaders must be honest and honorable, contained in Verse 13, Proverbs, Chapter 28. Falwell said:

"You know, it's amazing to me, how we are constantly talking about more treaties with the Soviet Union. They've broken every one we've ever made with them. And, you know, when you're dealing with somebody who's a perennial, trained, professional liar, dishonest untrustworthy, why trust your children to them? Sure we must negotiate, but from a position of strength, and from a position of awareness of whom you're dealing with."

Crooked
Union
Leaders.

Falwell said that he wanted "to comment on something very volatile," namely, labor-management relations. He stated:

"I'm not anti-union or anti-management, either, but I'm saying that we've come to the place in this country where we need to sit down and get our heads together and decide [on] 8 hours pay for 8 hours work. And we've got to all of us bite the bullet and take some cut-backs, or whatever, because, if we don't, the country's not going to survive. We've pushed a hole right through the top now. And I don't blame labor union members, but I blame a lot of these labor leaders. And you can go back for a long time, many of them just outright crooks, who have gotten control of the labor unions and used them for [a] political football."

Abortion.

Falwell said that the leaders of our country must also abide by the principles of righteousness; in particular, they must stop abortion. For our nation's survival, Falwell said:

"This country's got to stop the aborting of 1½ billion babies a year, or we'll become unstable. We're violating the major principle, a basic principle -- the dignity of human life, common decency, the work ethic, the Abrahamic covenant, God-centered education, so many things, the traditional family, the husband-wife relationship. We've got to get out of this coming-out-of-the-closet bit, out from under the rocks, and whatever. We've got to come back to the basic principles of morality and decency, which human beings have known for centuries, the Judeo-Christian ethic. We've got to get back to respect for authority, all that. When a leader understands that, he has a stable government."

January 23, 1983

Family
Authority.

Jerry Falwell entitled his sermon "Listening to Authority," He said:

"What is the family authority? Now this is absolutely devastating to the feminist of our day. And, it's so hard to say it in a way that

Feminist
Leaders.

the feminists will not twist it and make it to be something that it is not. God has never called the husband in the family to be a dictator; God has never call the husband, even, to be a boss. But, God has, and the Scriptures clearly teach this, given to the husband and the father in the family the responsibility of spiritual leadership. He is to be the fountainhead in that home, who gives guidance and spiritual direction to the family. Most of the most aggressive feminist leaders married a little 2 x 4 fellow back yonder somewhere, who had to have permission to put on his britches, and who didn't take a stand, and the family was a failure. And so, as a result, they're bitter toward all men. Well, there's nothing more wonderful than a Godly husband who loves his wife and loves his children, and believes that he has a lifetime commitment to them; and who does not dictate to them, but who, by example, sets before them a model."

January 30, 1983

Faith
Partner
Campaign
Plan.

Jerry Falwell again announced his annual drive for new members. He displayed a booklet entitled "Faith Partner 1983 Campaign Plan" which is a tabulation of the number of new Faith Partners needed from every town and city in the United States to pray and pay for continued broadcasts. Each year, \$70 million is needed to run this operation, said Falwell, and, each gift averages only \$20.

New Book.

Falwell advertised for his new book Search for Inner Peace. He said that "Alcoholism, drug addiction, hedonism, and all the other 'isms' today that are wrecking our young people, and adults as well, are traced back to the quest of man for inner peace and strength." Falwell declared that "there's a lot of trash in the bookstores," and that somebody has to put out the truth, to help people find true peace, through the grace of God. The address of the publisher, Doubleday, was put on the screen, so the viewers could have local bookstores order them.

Teaching
Evolution.

Falwell asserted that it takes more faith to accept evolution than it does to believe the first few verses of Genesis. He continued:

"It's really a religious issue, the fact that evolution is being taught today, solely and exclusively -- to the hurt of academic freedom in the public classroom today -- is really teaching religion in public classrooms. It's the religion of secular humanism, and it's a religion that simply says that you need faith, you've got to have faith, you've got to believe. And we're saying, we believe in separation; you shouldn't teach religion in a classroom. You ought to have academic freedom, and teach that there are two predominant theories of origin; one is special creation and one is evolution. And that a majority of Americans, about 82%, believe that God was involved in it. But we, at the same time, don't believe that should be the only thing taught. We ought to have something for the very small minority, the ACLU and others like that; and so, we ought to have something for them out there. The fact is, when you get to know God's beautiful creation,...the study of the ant ought to make one believe in God.... And, whenever science and the Scriptures seem to contradict one another; it's just because we haven't gotten far enough in science to understand what the real truth is."

ACLU.