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700 CLUB 12-2-85

**Student Loans**

This broadcast concerned student loans and the growing number of graduates defaulting on them.

**DANUTA SODERMAN**

"[suppose] There's a kid who needs to go to college. He wants to go to college. His parents can't afford to send him. He's on work study programs, he's got a job. He's doing everything he can, but he still can't make the tuition. Now, don't you think the government should insure that a person who really tries, who really wants to, who really works at it should have the benefit of going to school like a person who is rich or wealthy."

**ROBERTSON**

"I'm just not sure that the federal government, the U.S. federal government can be said to owe a college education to every worthy young person in the U.S.A. I just cannot understand that any more than we owe a \$30,000 per year income. Well, you say, 'he's a nice guy. He's making thirty grand a year. Why doesn't this young man? He's only making fifteen! Well, the government owes him...' There's a limit to what government should do! There has to be something going on in the private sector!"

700 CLUB 12-27-85

**Vouchers**

This show featured a report on the voucher proposal, which included a shot of William Bennett endorsing it, as well as Mary Futrell denouncing it. Orrin Hatch also appeared in the report saying that it was a good idea. Pat Swindall (R-Ga.) and Michael Resnick of the American School Boards Association debated the issue afterwards on the "700 Club."

700 CLUB 12-30-85

**Athletic Recruiting**

This broadcast featured a report on college athletes and the rising incidence of bribery scandals surrounding their recruitment.

**WILLIAM BENNETT**

"The purpose of education is to help the development of moral and intellectual standards."

**ROBERTSON**

"We're talking about a need for morality and yet we're being told

that we can't have any religion at all in our public schools. How do you square that? Is it possible?

**BENNETT**

"It may be possible in some cases for individuals...who themselves do not have deep religious belief to have moral codes which are acceptable and reasonable. But I think it's very hard to make a case for society in general. I don't think you can find very many societies, if any, that have a high standard of decency, integrity and good behavior that do not draw strength from a religious tradition. Certainly not the case with our society. The Judeo-Christian tradition, as I've been saying and you have too, is partly and parcel with some of our most fundamental values as a society. And when the vitality of these traditions begins to ebb, it's no surprise when other things will take their place...character and discipline and these things have got to be stressed as ends, as things worth going after."

"Our voucher program would be attached to our Chapter One program...We think by giving parents a greater degree of choice we will involve them more and we will send a message to schools that they are not doing the job...I think that this whole idea of parental choice is an idea whose time has come. People are saying...'why should I send my child to a school where I really don't think the child is learning very much and where my values are not being supported when there's a school the next district over...where that is going on?'"

**ROBERTSON**

"This voucher system is unquestionably an idea whose time has come...It is a wonderful concept and from all indications totally constitutional."

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 12-8-85

**FALWELL**

**Liberal Preachers**

"Ninety-nine percent of all the problems in the world are caused by liberal preachers. Politicians are fine. It's these liberal preachers who aren't worth shooting."

He then introduced Woody and Diane Jenkins, a couple who formed a group called Friends of the Americas. Diane Jenkins spoke and urged parishioners and viewers to send care packages to Central American children.

**Opposing Groups**

"I can think of my opponents and yours. Groups like **People for the American Way**, Planned Parenthood, NOW, ACLU, National Education Association, the national media...They oppose what we stand for. They would like to shut us down."

"I don't oppose their being able to say all they wish to say. I oppose their trying to prevent me from saying what I wish to say. And so we have a combat going on all the time."

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 12-15-85

**FALWELL**

**Planned Parenthood**

"If you were reading this recent Time magazine you saw a Planned Parenthood add entitled "When I was 15 Planned Parenthood saved my life"...She goes on to tell how Planned Parenthood helped her to get an abortion. Saved my life. Unfortunately, the life of the baby wasn't saved and there's no mention of that in this ad because the life of the baby apparently is unimportant to Planned Parenthood."

"What burns me, is Planned Parenthood got 140 million dollars in tax money last year, and while they say at the bottom of the ad that this is paid for in private contributions, I think I know a little bit how these corporations work, having studied them for a while. If they use private contributions for these ads, they can then take the 140 million dollars in tax monies and push over where the private money came out and so they told the truth and lies at the same time."

"Planned Parenthood. NOW. The abortion mills of our country. All together responsible for America's national sin, in my opinion. It burns me that they can buy these full page ads and still get 140 million dollars in my tax money. When they call me and ask, 'Are you in favor of cutting off tax money to Planned Parenthood?' 'Yes' and all others who advocate as a choice the destruction of human life -- of unborn life."

"If Planned Parenthood had been here when Jesus was born, they might have suggested to Mary to have an abortion."

"I have just written a book entitled If I Should Die Before I Wake...It's a book that deals with this abortion issue."

JIMMY SWAGGART MINISTRIES 12-22-85

**Catholic Church**

"The Catholic church today is at place to where she does not know where to go and what to do. She's torn to pieces internally."

**El Salvador**

"The insurgency in El Salvador was aided by Catholic priests endeavoring to overthrow the democratically instituted government and install the communist government now dominating Nicaragua."

(The source for this was the doctoral dissertation of Joseph Spinella, of the Washington Bible College, on liberation theology.)

"But Catholics aren't the only ones advocating this liberation theology. The Protestants are doing the same thing. But the Protestants are doing it under the cloak of the National Council of Churches."

"The hope of El Salvador is not socialism, but the gospel of Jesus Christ. The hope of Nicaragua is not communism, but the gospel of Jesus Christ. The hope of the United States is not secular humanism, but the gospel of Jesus Christ."

### JIMMY SWAGGART MINISTRIES 12-29-85

#### **SWAGGART**

##### **Secular Humanism**

"There's a new religion that's in the land. A religion so sinister, so lethal, so deadly, it's even hard to understand it when it's mentioned and most, sad to say, do not understand it. Satan has done his work well. It's a religion called secular humanism. (The words Secular Humanism then appeared on the screen.)

"Most young people know nothing of it. Most of our elders know nothing of it and yet the information is, thank God, becoming little by little, a tiny bit more proliferated."

"Secular humanism is anathema to all that we as Christians hold dear."

"[The secular humanists] believe there is no God. They believe that man is a part of nature and that he emerged as a result of a continuous process. They call it evolution. Humanism asserts that the nature of the universe depicted by modern science makes unacceptable any supernatural or cosmic guarantees of human values. Hence, no morals...They say no deity will save us, we must save ourselves. Hence, man is God...They believe in homosexuality and abortion...They say they look to the development of a system of world law and a world order based on transnational federal government, no patriotism."

##### **Television in America**

"These new evangelists, the network television companies give a completely different view...They have set out to reshape the values of this nation. I have met head to head...with these individuals...They propagate their gospel of secular humanism...their ultimate motive is to literally destroy the vestige of Christianity in this country."

### **Christian Nation**

"I was on CBS television a few days ago. The man that I was debating said, "But this is not a Christian nation.' I said, 'Sir, I bet your pardon, it is! It is a Christian nation!'"

### **Lear/Donahue**

"**Mr. Norman Lear.** Mr. Hugh Hefner. Mr. Bob Guccione. Mr. Phil Donahue. The new evangelists. Mr. Donahue was given an award by the homosexual crowd. What is their gospel? What is the gospel of Mr. Donahue and Mr. Guccione? Of Mr. Hefner of Mr. Lear? What is their gospel?"

"Here's another one. His name is Larry Flynt. You see these individuals and there are thousands of them that control the entertainment industry in this nation; that control what you see over television and what your children watch over television; that are fighting day and night to bring raw pornography into your home. To denigrate God and they're doing it!"

"**Mr. Lear** gave us that great American drama called All In the Family -- Three's Company. Mr. Larry Flynt -- they're all the same stripe -- bought full-page ads in many newspapers attacking the influence of the Christian faith in this country."

### **Homosexuals**

"Homosexual, you are not saved in your sin. You are saved from your sin. Jesus Christ breaks the bondage, breaks the darkness. And you cannot go to heaven. You cannot be saved in homosexuality!"

PAT ROBERTSON ON MEET THE PRESS

Kalb asks R. if it is his hope that America will be Christian.

"My thrust is to use the term Judeo-Christian because I believe that the traditional values that we have received from the Bible are still very much with us today...."

Kalb pressed him more about his hope to make this a Christian nation.

"...I think what we're dealing with is to restore a sense of traditional family, a sense of moral values, moral correctness in this nation. There's only so much the federal government can do. This is a matter of conscience. The Constitution clearly makes it a separation, if you will, between the conscience of an individual and the coercion of the state. The state is the sword. It's Caesar. And you render to God free of the state coercion. I don't wish to see those two intermingle in any way."

Someone then asked about the letter to "an opponent" and about the "prophet of God" and about tolerance. "If you were in public office, could you give up that attitude?"

"...When you're talking about internal verities, when someone tries to take you off the air, for example, the term prophet, in our culture, means somebody who addresses social ills, means somebody who speaks for God. It's not some sort of spooky thing that conjures up all kinds of visions."

Bode then said that there are things in life that aren't so easily compromised like school prayer and abortion and asked if Robertson saw any grey area in this type of moral issue.

"I think there are certain moral standards that any people have to have. I think there has to be a morality in public life. We are not in favor of the rape of women in the streets. That's a moral issue. I'm not in favor of murder. That's a moral issue. Once abortion, for example, is classified as murder, at that point, you say this is a moral issue and it wouldn't be compromised."

(He then said that it could be appropriate if the mother's life is in danger.)

Robertson then said, "I think the issue we're dealing with in terms of abortion has to do with an incorrect reading of the Constitution and writing into the Constitution a right that doesn't exist. The so-called preumbra (?) that Justice Douglas found that no one had ever found before. In doing that, Justice Blackmun overrode the acts of fifty sovereign state legislatures. My thought is, let's let the legislators in the political process decide. Let's not let it be merely in the hands of five justices."

Someone then asked if someone can be just as devout as Robertson and still disagree with him on social issues.

"Yes is the answer...I really believe in an open discussion of any kind of issue. I think people, regardless of their religious opinions should have the right to make any kind of statement they want and as freely as they should. That's the kind of country we have. That's the kind of country my forefathers brought to pass."

Abernethy asked, "If someone disagreed with you fundamentally on the question of abortion...you would not want the state to interfere with that person's right to have an abortion?"

"...Can we stop a person from murdering an adult? So, of course, there comes a time when the police power has to come in and defend the innocent."

Kalb: "Let me ask you about your own finances. Arthur Borden, who heads the Evangelical Council on Financial Accountability, says that people like Billy Graham voluntarily lay out an audited financial statement every year. You resist that I'm told."

R: "No, that's not correct."

K: "That's not correct? Would you voluntarily put out a financial statement?"

R: "Oh, absolutely. We have our books audited by Coopers and Libran. They work with us on a quarterly basis. And our 990T IRS form is in every library in the country. It's not exactly something that's secret. We file with the FCC, the IRS..."

K: "All the money that comes in is public and accountable in every way?"

R: "If people want it. Most people are not interested in that, but if they are, it's there. We do have an audited financial statement."