

PRO-ABORTION GROUPS ATTACK RELIGION

More than 60 organizations issued a 55-page report advising the incoming Obama administration on the need to provide more money for abortion-related services. "Advancing Reproductive Rights and Health in a New Administration" calls for the most sweeping abortion-rights reforms ever envisioned. It not only wants more money to be spent, it recommends a host of regulatory changes, stressing the need to appoint judges who will implement its plans. Significantly, it endorses the Freedom of Choice Act, the most radical abortion-rights bill ever proposed.

From the very beginning, the pro-abortion industry has not only opposed any religion that is pro-life, it has adopted a confrontational approach. This document was no different. For example, in the section on "Comprehensive Sex Education," it explicitly advises, "Do not teach or promote religion." It also launched a preemptive strike against a regulation from the Department of Health and Human Services that protects the religious rights of health care workers. The document recommends that Obama rescind the "Provider Conscience Regulation."

It didn't surprise us that groups like the Secular Coalition for America supported this assault on religious liberty. But when religious organizations gave their assent, it became troubling. Among the signatories were the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Union for Reform Judaism, Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations and Women of Reform Judaism; the anti-Catholic front group, Catholics for Choice, also signed the report. Evidently, their passion for abortion rights is so extreme that it eclipses any interest in the religious liberty rights of others.

We warned these groups to look for traditional Catholics, evangelical Protestants, Orthodox Jews and others to come together in an unprecedented way.