

What Kids Now Learn in College

As high school seniors throughout America will be receiving acceptance letters to colleges within the next month, it would be nice for parents to meditate on what they are getting for the \$20–\$50,000 they will pay each year.

✘ The United States is no better than any other country, and in many areas worse than many. On the world stage, America is an imperialist country, and domestically it mistreats its minorities and neglects its poor, while discriminating against non-whites.

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If You're Ever Murdered . . .

I'd like to offer a simple proposal that, if enacted, could generate a great deal of a most precious resource: moral clarity.

It concerns the death penalty.

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Chris Christie Leads on Israel

New Jersey governor Chris Christie addressed the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) last week. In the few words reported by *The Weekly Standard*, he said just about everything one needs to know about Israel, about its relationship with the U.S., and about American political leadership:

America should stand by its friends and its democratic allies, even, and sometimes especially, when it's unpopular to do so.

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Two Kinds of Fanaticism

The Muslim world is threatened by religious fanaticism. The Western world is threatened by secular fanaticism.

Both seek to dominate society and to use state power to do so. Both seek to eliminate the Other – for Islamic fanatics that means non-Muslim religions and secularism; for secular fanatics it means Christianity and virtually any public invocation of God. The Islamists impose sharia law; the ACLU, and the Left generally, impose secular law. The Taliban wiped out public vestiges of Buddhism in Afghanistan; the ACLU and its allies seek to wipe out public vestiges of Christianity in America – as it did, for example, in Los Angeles County when it successfully pressured the County Board of

Supervisors to remove the tiny cross from the county seal. A city and county founded by Catholics – hence the name “The Angels” – was forced to stop commemorating its founders because they were religious.

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Evangelicals and Romney

As an American, a Republican, and a fiscal and social conservative – and though I have endorsed no Republican candidate – there is one thing that would disturb me greatly if Mitt Romney were not the Republican nominee: if Romney’s Mormon faith were a factor in his defeat.

Many evangelical leaders have said that if Romney is the Republican presidential candidate, they will vote for him in the general election. What is implied, and sometimes explicitly stated, is that his Mormonism prevents them from voting for him in the primaries.

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