

Christian Influence in Government Study Guide

According to the Greco-Roman culture, manual labor

Was only fit for slaves and low-class citizens

In 1st century Athens

1/3rd of all freemen sat at court all day in discussions

There were 5 times as many slaves as citizens

Citizens sought pleasure above all else

The Christian work ethic was rooted in

The example of Jesus

The example of the Apostle Paul

The teaching of Scripture

The Apostolic Constitutions of 375 AD

included teachings on biblical views of work and laziness

Christians, including Catholic monasteries

Made labor a part of life

Tended herds

Crafted merchandise

The Middle Class

Was unknown prior to Christianity

Examples of the belief in personal property rights

Are found throughout Scripture

In socialism, the state owns the means of production. Why are Democratic Socialist not demanding confiscation of businesses?

Because the businesses are constructively “confiscated” by being controlled through regulation and excessive taxes.

Why is the common sharing of goods in the Book of Acts not socialism.

Because the sharing was voluntary not a command

Nobody turned over the means of production to the state

Charity is an act of worship not a duty to the government

William Wilberforce

Led the Christian members of Parliament

Fought against the slave trade for over 20 years

Delivered powerful speeches that appealed to the Christian conscience of Englishmen

The early church was surrounded by a culture that honored life. **False**

The pagan religions have no moral component that honors human life. **True**

The practice of Pagan religions is about accessing and wielding power. **True**

The early church tried to conform to the culture in order not to make waves. **False**

The early church supported all laws and dictates issued by the government. **False**

The founding of the Underground Railroad was in large part due to

Quakers who were initially influenced by the German Mennonite, Franz Pastorius

One of the themes of Harriet Beecher Stowe's book *Uncle Tom* was

the Gospel, as demonstrated by Tom's self-sacrifice for the salvation of his master

After leading the great revivals in the 1820s, Evangelist Charles Finney

Joined Oberlin College in 1836 and helped lead the abolitionist movement

The first president of the revivalist school, Lane Theological Seminary in Ohio.

Lyman Beecher, father of Harriet Beecher Stowe

White abolitionists in the South

Said Christians were morally obligated to destroy slavery

Suffered harshly for their stand against slavery

Modeled Berea College in Kentucky after Oberlin College

In Islam, Muhammad taught that if you are not part of the Ummah (the Tribe)

You are less than human

In *SD v MJR* 2010, a New Jersey court

Said that a Muslim was protected from rape charges due to his religion

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams were told by the Muslims

that all nations who should not have acknowledged their authority were sinners

In the report on Islam by John Quincy Adams, Adams notes

The commands of the prophet may be performed alike, by fraud, or by force.

This appeal to the natural hatred of the Muslim towards the infidels is in just accordance with the precepts of the Quran.

faith is the subjugation of others by the sword

Under Sharia Law

A girl who has been raped cannot testify against her rapist

Criticizing Allah or Muhammad is punishable by death

A man may marry an infant girl and consummate the marriage at 9 years old.

A Christian must influence

The lost

The Church

Societal Structures and systems

The Carthaginians

Sacrificed their own children

Purchased poor people's children to sacrifice

Did not honor human life

Census data shows that only 1% of families in early Rome

Raised 2 or more daughters

The Jewish culture viewed children as

an heritage from the Lord

Historical records indicate that infanticide was prevalent

Worldwide

At the time of Paul's letters, the word "pharmakeia"

Was frequently connected descriptions of abortion

As part of the culture of child abandonment

Children were left on roadsides

Children were given a prey to wild animals

Abandoned children were portrayed in propaganda as potential heroes

The most significant factor contributing to infanticide and child abandonment was

Rejection of the sanctity of marriage, promiscuity

Evidence of early Christian influence on government can be seen in

Valentinian outlaws infanticide 374 AD

Constantine issues a decree of tolerance 313 AD

5th century emperor issues a sanctuary law for abandoned children

Roe v Wade Supreme Court opinion originated from

Texas

Henry Wade was

A district Attorney from Texas

Taught that man's relationship with God should not be dictated by the state

Roger Williams

The puritans of New England

Believe in a state-enforced Christian religion

Enacted laws banning any other denomination but their own

Fostered a system of religious formalism

Separation of church and state meant to the founders

that government has no business in the church

First century catechetical teaching developed into formal catechetical schools which had

Had a strong literary as well as theological emphasis

The famous catechetical school in Alexandria taught

Mathematics and medicine

One of the Christian innovations which was unheard in the Pagan world

The instruction of both men and women

Universal education

Is a Christian idea

Is teaching all classes, races, sexes

Was uncommon before the influence of Christianity

Christianity can be credited with the advent of

Graded education

Education of the deaf and blind

Laying the foundation for modern Universities

Nearly all of America's founders

Were believers

Obadiah Holmes

Was publicly beaten for not taking a state license to preach

Mary Dyer

Was a Quaker who sentenced to death by hanging

A highly-placed politician in Babylon

Daniel

Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom of 1786 was penned by

Thomas Jefferson

Set up a theocratic government in Geneva, Switzerland

John Calvin