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<p>We felt compelled to change our broadcast schedule today due to some troubling concerns with Washington D.C. that will have a great impact on the family. Guests today are Tom Minnery, Senior Vice President of Government and Public Policy, and Carrie Gordon Earll, Senior Director of Issues Analysis. National health care is apparently very close to passage in the Congress, and Dr. Dobson deeply regrets that. The template for the final version passed the Senate Finance Committee in the past day or two. One very significant vote came from Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, the only Republican on the committee to vote for it. This bill is going to put 1/6 of the U.S. economy under the control of the federal bureaucrats. It appears that the Democrats now have the votes to pass some kind of sweeping legislation, despite the fact that the majority of the American people simply don't want it. President Obama has stated that any bill they expect him to sign will be on the website, but that is not the case with this bill. They won't allow us to see it, and apparently they won't even let their colleagues see it. Tom recalls Congressman John Conyers, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, saying sarcastically something about being expected to read all these bills – how do you have time to read all the bills? And even if you could, you'd need to hire two lawyers to explain them. Tom is concerned with many things, but chief among them is abortion being covered in every version of the health care bill he has seen, contrary to what Obama has said. There is also no “conscious clause” in the bill for medical health care workers that have religious obligations to stay away from abortion. Dr. Dobson says that when Rep. Joe White stood up at a joint session of Congress and said to Obama “You lie!”, (referring to illegal aliens being included in this bill) he was right. Carrie shares concerns about abortion being included in these bill as well, and says that as we are seeing things sorted out on Capitol Hill, they promise to be the greatest expansion of abortion in this country since Roe v. Wade, and it puts the government in the abortion industry. She can't imagine the mingling of tax dollars, private dollars, premiums and co-ops that will happen. No one will be able to sort all that out, and all that we've asked for is language like the Hyde Amendment that says “no public monies will be used for abortion”, but that's been voted down every time. The Hyde amendment only applied basically to Medicaid abortions - it does not apply to this funding stream. What it means is that we will all be paying to kill babies. When you have publicly funded abortions, you have an increase in abortions. Right now there are a variety of plans within the bill. They will co-mingle all the money together which will include our tax dollars going toward abortion. Thankfully we have been able to pour thousands of phone calls into the offices of those that this very program is supported by. Tom says that in Obama's speech to the joint session of Congress he stated that “nothing in our</p>			

plan will require you to change the coverage you have". If the government gets into this, they will eventually drive out the private companies. Once this passes, it will be almost impossible to roll it back because those insurance companies will be gone. Dr. Dobson reads from an Associated Press report stating that a family of four, headed by a 45 year old making \$63,000 a year, which is in the middle of the middle class, would pay \$7,110 more to buy its own health insurance under the plan from the committee chairman Senator Max Baucus, (D-MT). Harry Reid (D-NV) has said that some states have been hit harder than others by the recession, and so some states shouldn't have to pay as much as others, attempting to exclude Nevada. Carrie says you cannot add two gigantic elective federal programs and not have it cost something to people. You're also going to have government bureaucrats making decisions that have been reserved for families. Everyone agrees that some type of health care reform needs to be done, but there are some basic common sense free market things that could be done without bringing government into our health care delivery systems - like tort reform, that would save millions of dollars. We are concerned about the poor and others that don't have health care. Tom cites that one organization that does a great job of health care is the Mayo Clinic, who has come out against the proposals that they see on Capitol Hill. They are against the federal government getting into this act. They also say we need tort reform because so many doctors can't afford medical malpractice insurance. They turn the discussion to the elderly, and the people who might not be given adequate medical care because at least one of the versions that's being considered calls for eliminating \$500 billion from Medicare. Tom says that the chief health advisor to the President is a doctor named Ezekiel Emmanuel, who makes the case that some expenses may not be worthwhile because the remaining life expectancy may not deem any great expense. Carrie says there is a type of rationing of care now, with insurance companies making decisions. But this would be a government entity inserting itself where we haven't had that before. So you have the prospect of government rationing, as we've seen in the United Kingdom and Canada where guidelines have been set, and if you don't meet the threshold of those guidelines, you don't get the care. There are some early indications that the same mindset is setting foot here in the United States. The elderly may only receive pain medication rather than comprehensive care. Dr. Dobson says we're spending ourselves into oblivion. He's been reading about the fall in the value of the U. S. Dollar, which has been the basis for the world economy since World War II. That is about to change, and has major implications for future generations. The President told us that if we passed the stimulus bill, we would cap unemployment at 8%. Unemployment is now nearly 10%, and even the President indicates it's likely to go higher. The stimulus bill did not do what the President said it would do. There are other bad ideas, like cap and trade dealing with global warming, that also have tremendous deficits attached to them. Call to action: Carrie asks people to call their member of Congress, to call their two U.S. Senators, and tell them to keep the government out of the abortion business, and not pass any bill unless it explicitly bans abortion and protects conscience rights for health care providers. More information on talking points and how to contact your legislator is available at [www.citizenlink.com](http://www.citizenlink.com). The Capitol Hill switchboard number to contact their Congressmen and Senators is 202-224-3121. This program was provided by Focus on the Family Action.

**Issues Update: October 2009 - II**

**Oct 16 (C4) US only 28:30**

Dr. Dobson, Tom Minnery, and Carrie Gordon Earll are joined by Candi Cushman, an Issues Analyst in Public Policy at Focus on the Family, to continue their discussion about current aspects of public policy that are causing major concerns involving our children and future generations. Candi begins by talking about Kevin Jennings, a new “safe school” czar which means he’s in a senior staff position for the U.S. Department of Education. This position gives him control of a significant amount of federal funding to influence “safe school” programs across the nation. Jennings has a very long track record of twisting the word “safety” into a political tool to push homosexual activism into public schools. He is the founder and leader of GLSEN, the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network, which promotes pro-gay messages to kids in schools, has written 6 books on homosexuality in education, and has a life long commitment to children being taught homosexual propaganda in the public schools. Jennings has also been outspoken against biblical Christianity. It appears that students with Christian or socially conservative viewpoints wouldn’t be very safe under Kevin Jennings leadership. He has already attacked *Young Life*, one of the largest national Christian student groups in the nation. Dr. Dobson says that what is happening now in Washington, in the White House, in the Congress, and to some degree in the courts, is his greatest nightmare. What he has fought for for 25 years is coming apart, and Kevin Jennings is an expression of that far left agenda. Now is the time to act, as we still have some momentum for asking for this czar to be replaced, and people can go to [www.citizenlink.com](http://www.citizenlink.com) and send an e-mail directly to the White House. They refer to a speech given by President Obama at a fundraiser for the Human Rights Campaign, where Obama talked about marriage as an outmoded concept. They remind listeners that Obama pledged to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act, and bring an end to the current policy of “don’t ask don’t tell”. The latter requires a federal law to be passed, but Obama has asked them to send him a bill. Referring back to the speech, they say Obama spoke about the hates crime bill, that is now passing Congress, and that he intends to sign into law. Obama talked about ENDA (Employment Non-Discrimination Act) which we’ve been fighting for years and years, designed to force the normalization of homosexuality in the workplace and in our pulpits. Thirty out of fifty states have voted - and have defined marriage as being between one man and one woman - and have put that into their state Constitutions. In all, about 45 states have – in one way or another - protected traditional marriage. President Obama essentially contradicts and defies the will of the American people - in 45 states - by working to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act. That law passed both Houses of Congress and was signed by President Clinton. There is a very significant gap in what President Obama says and what he does. Carrie says that Congress did something last week that was appalling, by – in the House – attaching a hates crimes legislation to the military funding bill, which would force members of the House to then vote for hate crimes if they wanted to vote for funding the military, thereby avoiding an up or down vote on the hate crimes bill. Dr. Dobson adds that during the Human Rights speech last Saturday night they brought in Matthew Sheppard’s parents, implying that it was opposition to homosexuality that caused their son’s murder. However, the two men that killed Sheppard admitted they did it because of a drug deal that went wrong. Carrie says the common theme here is the silencing of Christians, whether in the pulpit, the public schools, or the public square, and that the homosexual agenda is determined that we will be silenced.

Candi shares that there is a scale used in schools where GLSEN recommends an activity for high school age students to gauge their “tolerance and acceptance” levels. No viewpoint is acceptable, in Kevin Jennings or GLSEN’s eyes, except that of complete admiration for homosexuals on the part of students. It’s definitely a one sided form of tolerance that they are promoting. Carrie states that when you have homosexuality pitted against religious liberty, increasingly we see religious liberty losing. Hate crimes legislation could well affect Christian radio stations that this program is heard on, and broadcasts may not be free to be heard. Justice prevailed in the Matthew Sheppard case without the use of a hate crimes bill. Dr. Dobson says that he spoke last weekend at the dedication of the Barbara Hodel Center on the campus of Patrick Henry College. Dr. Mike Farris introduced him, and made reference to their mutual fight against HR6, a home school bill brought forward by liberal George Miller of California. The bill failed to pass, due largely to a million phone call response to Washington from concerned Americans. Call to action: Regarding Kevin Jennings, send an e-mail to the White House from [www.citizenlink.com](http://www.citizenlink.com). Regarding the Hate Crimes bill, it’s getting late - since it has already passed the House and is headed to the Senate. But we still ask for calls against this bill to the U.S. Senate. ENDA has not yet been acted on by the full House or Senate, but calls can still be made, asking them to vote “No” on the ENDA bill. Dr. Dobson begs people to participate. If people have questions, they can call Focus on the Family Action at 866-655-4545. Today’s program was provided by Focus on the Family Action.

**Cracking the Code to a Stronger Marriage - I    Oct 21    (C3)    ME only    4:02**  
**Drop-In: Question 1 – Same-Sex Marriage**

Tom Minnery, Senior Vice-President of Government and Public Policy, talks with Bob Emmerich, one of the leaders of a coalition dealing with marriage in Maine called *Stand for Marriage Maine*. We discuss Question 1, which is an opportunity for the people of Maine to roll back a state law, passed by the state legislature earlier this year that established same-sex marriage. Due in part to Bob’s leadership, this issue is being put on the ballot for the people of Maine to decide. Bob hopes that people will vote “Yes” on Question 1 on Election Day, rejecting Maine’s new law that allows same-sex couples to marry. Question 1 would fundamentally change the law and Maine’s public policy for the future. The successful petition drive part of this process involved more than 100,000 people, but the real key to success will be a large voter turnout. People can vote by absentee ballot or in person on November 3. They plead with listeners to get out and vote “Yes” on Question 1. For more information, visit [www.standformarriagemaine.com](http://www.standformarriagemaine.com).

**Cracking the Code to a Stronger Marriage - I    Oct 21    (C4)    NJ only    4:02**  
**Drop-In: Vote Values in 2009 Election**

Tom Minnery, Senior Vice-President of Government and Public Policy at Focus on the Family is joined for a brief conversation by Lynn Deal, President of the New Jersey Family Policy Council. New Jersey has their Gubernatorial Race that’s up right now, and they’re excited because they definitely have a clear definition between the three candidates that are running. They have a pro-life and pro-marriage Republican candidate running against two anti-marriage and anti-life Democratic and Independent candidates. Tom says that the political world is watching both New

Jersey and Virginia to observe the trend. If values voters show up in New Jersey and elect the conservative candidate, that will send a strong signal for next year when there will be the big mid-term elections across the country. There are also state legislative elections in November, and the legislature is just a few votes away from having a majority to legalize same-sex marriage. People need to study all the races that are in their voters guide, and vote accordingly on Election Day. Listeners are directed to [www.focusvoter.com](http://www.focusvoter.com) to gain access to the New Jersey ballot information. This message has been paid for by Focus on the Family Action.

**Cracking the Code to a Stronger Marriage - I Oct 21 (C4) OH only 4:00**  
**Drop-In: Issue 3: Casinos and Gambling**

Tom Minnery, Senior Vice-President of Government and Public Policy at Focus on the Family, has an important message for our listeners in the state of Ohio. He is joined by Phil Burrell, President of Citizens for Community Values. Phil states that his organization wants people to vote "No" on Issue 3. Four times since 1990 the people of Ohio have voted against and defeated casino gambling in the state. Based on reports from other states that have approved gambling, there are documented increases in addictions, suicides, bankruptcy, crime, and domestic violence. Phil says there is a misnomer that the money going toward casino gambling will help increase the tax revenue going toward education. Tom and Phil reiterate that they want concerned citizens to vote "No" on Issue 3 on Election Day. For more information on this issue, go to [www.ccv.org](http://www.ccv.org). This message has been paid for by Focus on the Family Action – Tom Minnery. It's not authorized by any ballot issue committee.

**Cracking the Code to a Stronger Marriage - I Oct 21 (C4) VA only 3:56**  
**Drop-In: Vote Values in 2009 Election**

Tom Minnery, Senior Vice-President of Government and Public Policy at Focus on the Family, informs listeners that some important decisions need to be made on Election Day in the state of Virginia. He is joined by Victoria Cobb, President of the Family Foundation. Victoria says that this year they have candidates with very differing viewpoints in the Governor's race, the Lieutenant Governor's race, and the Attorney General's race. Her organization has two tools for voters. The first is having the voting records of 5 out of the 6 state-wide candidates, which can be clearly seen and read by constituents. Secondly, they have voter guides which have side-by-side comparisons of the three races mentioned. Victoria is encouraged by the momentum she has seen in churches, and thinks people are paying attention to what has been going on in Washington D. C. and are concerned about the direction of our nation. These two helpful resources are available on the Family Foundation website at [www.tffaction.org](http://www.tffaction.org). This message has been paid for by Focus on the Family Action.

**The Barretts: An Amazing Adoption Story - I Oct 29 (C3) ME only :55**  
**Drop-In: Get Out the Vote and Question 1**

This November, Maine voters will have a unique opportunity to restore marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Question 1 on the ballot will ask voters whether or not they want to repeal the same-sex marriage law that the Maine Legislature and Governor Baldacci passed earlier this year. This is the first time

citizens will have the opportunity to repeal same-sex marriage at the ballot box, and can do so by voting "Yes" on Question 1. If passed, it will also provide Maine's children with the best chance of having a married mom and dad.

**The Barretts: An Amazing Adoption Story - I Oct 29 (C3) NJ only :58**  
**Drop-In: Get Out the Vote**

New Jersey is one of only two states in the nation this year with state wide elections. We encourage the values voters of that state to get to the polls and vote. Early voting has already begun, and it's crucial that listeners know where their candidates stand on issues that affect marriage and the family. New Jersey is just a few votes away from legalizing same-sex marriage, and every seat counts in this election. The New Jersey Family Policy Council has produced a helpful voters guide for 2009. We encourage listeners to vote for candidates who best reflect their values on marriage and family. Listeners can access a free personalized copy of the New Jersey voter guide at [www.focusvoter.com](http://www.focusvoter.com).

**The Barretts: An Amazing Adoption Story - I Oct 29 (C3) VA only :58**  
**Drop-In: Get Out the Vote**

Virginia is one of only two states in the nation this year with state wide elections. We encourage the values voters of Virginia to show up and vote on November 3. Early voting has already begun, and it's crucial that listeners know where their candidates stand on issues that affect the family. For this reason, the Family Foundation has produced a 2009 legislative voters guide to help them learn more about the candidates whose names will appear on their ballot in November. Listeners can access a personalized copy of the Virginia voter's guide at [www.focusvoter.com](http://www.focusvoter.com).