

Evangelicals and Democracy in America: General Timeline

1927 – 1962: Robert “Bob” Reynolds Jones, Sr., an American Fundamentalist Christian evangelist, launches daily and weekly network programs on the East Coast.¹

1927: Robert “Bob” Reynolds Jones, Sr. founds Bob Jones College in Bay County, FL. In **1947**, the college moves to Greenville, SC, admits 2,500 students, and changes its name to Bob Jones University (BJU).²

1927: Father Charles Edward Coughlin, a Roman Catholic priest, gives first Catholic services on the radio. In **1930**, CBS picks up Coughlin’s radio show and broadcasts it over its national network, which is the first time such a program is broadcasted over a national network. In **1932**, Coughlin strongly supports FDR’s presidential bid – “Roosevelt or Ruin.” Within a few years, however, Coughlin becomes a vociferous critic of FDR. In **1934**, Coughlin sets up the National Union for Social Justice Organization.³ In **1938**, Coughlin “indirectly” sets up the Christian Front (via a 23 May 1938 Social Justice article) with the basic organizational unit being the “platoon.”⁴ Also in **1938**, Coughlin publishes a version of The Protocols of the Elders of Zion.⁵ Finally, in **1938**, 10 November – *Kristallnacht* – Coughlin states, “Jewish persecution only followed after Christians first were persecuted.”⁶

1936: Father John Ryan, a Roman Catholic priest, social reformer, and university educator denounces Father Coughlin for his “ugly, cowardly and flagrant” attacks on FDR.⁷

1939: The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) adopts its first industry code, which has provisions covering religion that are believed to have been an attempt to bar Father Coughlin from buying airtime.⁸

1941: The FCC establishes the Chain Broadcasting Regulations, which governs the licensing and content of chain broadcasting stations. SCOTUS, among other things, affirms the ability of the FCC to act in the “public’s interest.”⁹

1942: Father Coughlin’s “Social Justice” publication is investigated by a federal grand jury because of its alleged to have pro-Axis positions. The publication’s second-class mailing privileges are suspended by the US Postal Service. Finally, Coughlin is ordered to sever ties with “Social Justice” and all other publications by Roman Catholic Archbishop of Detroit Edward Mooney.¹⁰

1944: Robert “Bob” Reynolds Jones, Sr. founds the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) and serves as its director.¹¹ NRB currently describes itself as “an international association of Christian communicators with over 1,400 member organizations.”¹²

1951 – 1957: Archbishop Fulton John Sheen, a Roman Catholic priest (later Bishop of Rochester, later Titular Archbishop of Newport), hosts the “Life Is Worth Living” program (DuMont Television Network and later ABC). On ABC, the show is carried on 123 television stations and 300 radio stations. Sheen’s program is characterized as Christian programming, not on its face doctrinally Catholic.¹³ (In 2002, The Vatican bestowed the title of “Servant of God” on Archbishop Sheen, which is a first step in the canonization process.¹⁴)

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1951 – Present: Campus Crusade for Christ International is founded by Bill and Vonette Bright on the UCLA campus (Los Angeles, CA) as an interdenominational Christian organization that focuses on evangelism. Its mission statement is to “Help[...] [...] fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit by winning people to faith in Jesus Christ, building them in their faith and sending them to win and build others; and helping the Body of Christ do evangelism and discipleship.” It currently claims a ministry presence in 191 countries and a staff of over 25,000 individuals. It focuses on college students, high school students, adult professionals, as well as families. Its international headquarters are in Orlando, FL.¹⁵

1952 – 1982: Alpha Rex Emmanuel Humbard begins his “Cathedral of Tomorrow” program. At the peak of its popularity, it reaches 20 million people on over 378 television stations.^{16 17 18}

1955 – Present: “National Review,” a biweekly magazine of conservative political opinion based in New York City, NY, is founded by William F. Buckley, Jr.¹⁹

1956 - Present: Rev. Jerry Lamon Falwell, Sr. founds the Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. Thomas Road Baptist Church claims that its congregation numbered 35 in 1956 and that it now has over 20,000 members, which would make it one of the first megachurches.²⁰ The “Old-Time Gospel Hour,” a daily local radio show and weekly local television show are also affiliated with the church.²¹

1961 – 1968: Archbishop Fulton John Sheen, hosts the “The Fulton Sheen Program” (aka, “The Bishop Sheen Program”), a less successful heir of the “Life Is Worth Living” program.²²

1961 – Present: The Christian Broadcast Network (CBN) (aka, “CBN Family Channel,” aka “the Fox Family Channel,” aka “the ABC Family Channel”) is founded by Rev. Marion Gordon “Pat” Robertson in Portsmouth, VA. In **1963**, during a telethon to cover its monthly operating costs of \$7,000, a “700 Club” is started – composed of 700 contributors each donating \$10. Robertson subsequently added a program to the end of the broadcast day that followed the telethon format and named it The 700 Club, which is CBN’s most known program. In the **1980’s** the 700 Club switched to a news-magazine format. In **1990** CBN was sold to the International Family Entertainment Inc. (IFE), a publicly traded company (NYSE: FAM) started by Robertson. In **1997**, IFE was sold to the Fox Family Channel – Fox Kids Worldwide, Inc., a subsidiary of Rupert Murdoch’s Fox Broadcasting Company and News Corporation (NYSE: NWS, NYSE: NWSa, ASX: NWS, LSE: NCRA). In **2001**, the Disney-ABC Television Group, a division of The Walt Disney Company (NYSE: DIS), acquired the Fox Family Channel and renamed it ABC Family.^{23 24}

1961 – Present: Christian Legal Society (CLS), a not-for profit religious organization, is founded by a group of Christian lawyers and professors who viewed the law as a Christian ministry. CLS mission statement reads: “To be the national grassroots network of lawyers and law students, committed to proclaiming, loving and serving Jesus Christ [...]” To that end, CLS litigates heavily in the First and Fourteenth Amendment areas, with an emphasis on in-school prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, and the separation of church and state cases. CLS and its affiliates has maintains an association 3,400 attorneys in all 50 US States and 10 nations. In **1975**, CLS founded an affiliate group, the **Center for Law and Religious Freedom**,

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which concerns itself with abortion, euthanasia, faith-based social service issues, education, amongst other areas.²⁵

1963 – Present: Oral Roberts University (ORU) is founded by Granville Oral Roberts, a charismatic televangelist, in Tulsa, OK. Rev. Roberts founded the university because he purported to have received a commission from God: “Raise up your students to hear My voice, to go where My light is dim, where My voice is heard small, and My healing power is not known, even to the uttermost bounds of the earth. Their work will exceed yours, and in this I am well pleased.”²⁶ In **2008**, ORU enrollment is 3,082 students (although ORU claims a student body of over 5,300 in other parts of its website).^{27 28}

1971 – Present: Rev. Jerry Lamon Falwell, Sr. founds Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. Liberty University claims its current enrollment is over 20,000 students both on-campus and off-campus and to be the largest evangelical university in the world.²⁹

1973 – Present: Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) is launched in Santa Ana, CA by Paul and Jan Crouch. Currently, TBN claims to be “the world’s largest religious network and America’s most watched faith channel [...] offering [...] 24 hours of commercial-free inspirational programming that appeal to people in a wide variety of Protestant, Catholic and Messianic Jewish denominations.” TBN also claims to reach millions of homes and to be aired on 5,000 television stations, 33 satellites, and the internet. Further, TBN is the leading producer of Christian feature films: *The Revolutionary*, *The Revolutionary II*, *The Emissary*, *The Omega Code*, *Carman: The Champion*, *Megiddo*, *Time Changer*, and *Six: The Mark Unleashed*. Finally, TBN has opened a several Virtual Reality Theaters, with more slated to begin construction.³⁰

1973 – Present: The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), a PAC, is founded in Detroit, MI as a direct response to *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973). NRLC claims to have over 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and its primary goal is “to restore legal protection to innocent human life.” Further, NRLC is also concerned with medical ethics as they pertain to euthanasia and “infanticide.” NRLC does not maintain a position on contraception, sex education, capital punishment, or national defense.³¹ NRLC claims, and opponent organization acknowledge, that NRLC is the largest anti-abortion grassroots organization in the US.³² Throughout the **1980s** NRLC successfully led boycotts of pharmaceutical companies that produced and sold drugs it objected to (e.g., Mifepristone, an abortifacient generally used in the first two months of pregnancy).

1977 – Present: The American Family Association (AFA) is founded by Don Wildmon, a United Methodist minister, in Tupelo, MS. AFA claims to represent “traditional family values” and focuses “primarily on the influence of television and other media – including pornography – on our society.” AFA blames, in part, the entertainment industry for what it characterizes as the “decline of those values on which our country was founded and which keep a society and its families strong and healthy.” This decline, according to AFA, has brought about the glorification of premarital sex, a dramatic increase in teen pregnancies, STDs such as AIDS, and “abortion as a means of birth control.”³³ AFA claims approximately 500 thousand members. Further, opponent organizations agree with its claims that it has been effective in “organizing boycotts

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against sponsors of TV shows with ‘anti-Christian’ messages and ideas, or against companies it claims support the so-called ‘homosexual agenda’ or marriage equality.”³⁴

1977 – Present: Focus on the Family (FOTF) is founded by James Clayton “Jim” Dobson, PhD. Initially FOTF started as a non-profit organization dedicated to “sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with as many people as possible by nurturing and defending the God-ordained institution of the family and promoting biblical truths [...],” but now has affiliated radio broadcasts, magazine and book publications, feature film productions, and an internet presence.³⁵ Additionally, FOTF maintains several splinter organizations in throughout the US as well as in several countries. Currently headquartered in Colorado Springs, CO, FOTF claims it reaches 220 million listeners daily on over 7,000 stations in 160 countries.³⁶ Opponent organizations do not refute FOTC claims concerning its reach.³⁷

1977 – Present: The Center for Public Justice (CPJ) (formerly, the Association for Public Justice) is “established to develop an integral Christian perspective on politics, law, and society.” CPJ goals are:

A United States and a world in which citizens, particularly Christians, take their civic responsibilities seriously as a service to God, until the kingdom of God comes in its fullness; [...] governments carry out their high calling to do justice to all citizens, institutions and communities; [...] citizens and leaders work together to shape public life for the good of all, both nationally and internationally.”

CPJ concerns itself with welfare, land and resource, education, and education policy. Further, CPJ has testified before Congress and state legislatures.

CPJ is interesting in that, on one hand, it seems to be calling for a relaxation of the separation of church and state but on the other hand explicitly rejects what CPJ calls “Christian Imperialism” and “Christian Nationalism” and advances the notion of a “Christian-democratic” or “Christian-pluralist” approach to governance. CPJ summarizes its overarching philosophy of “principled pluralism” as:

Flow[ing] directly from its conviction that governments have not been ordained by God for the purpose of separating believers from unbelievers, giving privilege to Christians and the church, or serving the interests of one nation over others. This is a religious conviction that mandates publicly established religious freedom for all. Governments have the high calling to uphold public justice for all people living within their territories. States are not churches or families; public officials are not national theologians or clergy. States are public-legal communities that exist for the protection and enhancement of the common good.

Regarding non-believers, CPJ states, “No nation or state may claim to have instituted God’s rule in a way that justifies casting out or treating unfairly citizens who disagree with the government-established faith.”³⁸

1978 – Present: The Christian Voice in America organization, aka, Christian Voice (USA), is founded Robert Grant and Gary Jarmin. Christian Voice is generally regarded as the predecessor to the Christian Coalition, American Coalition for Traditional Values, Concerned Women for America, Moral Majority, as well as the Family Research Council. Christian Voice has backed conservative figures such as Ronald Reagan, Steve Symms, Dan Quayle, and John East. Additionally, Christian Voice claims that its president, Gary L. Jarmin, is the “author of the

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Congressional Report Card on key moral/family issues published by Christian Voice which many organizations had adopted and use today.”³⁹ There is an affiliated group, also called Christian Voice, in the United Kingdom.⁴⁰

1978 – Present: Rev. Marion Gordon “Pat” Robertson founds Regent University (formerly known as “CBN University”) in Chesapeake, VA. The school was relocated to Virginia Beach, VA in 1980. In 2008, Regent University’s claims its enrollment is 4,494. Regent’s motto is “Christian Leadership to Change the World.”⁴¹

1979 - Present: Concerned Women for America (CWA), a conservative Christian PAC founded in 1979 by Beverly LaHaye and is generally believed to be a response the National Organization for Women. Parenthetically, LaHaye is the wife of Timothy LaHaye who is best known as one of the coauthor of the Left-Behind series. CWA centers on opposition to same-sex marriage, abortion, education, pornography, religious liberty, “national sovereignty,” which CWA defines as the belief “that neither the United Nations nor any other international organization should have authority over the United States in any area.”⁴² Although CWA does not publish its membership numbers, both Beverly and Timothy LaHaye are generally considered influential in conservative circles. Further, opponent organizations estimate membership at approximately 500 thousand.⁴³

1979 – 1989: The Moral Majority is founded by Rev. Jerry Lamon Falwell, Sr. Rev. Falwell’s political influence is generally known: Falwell’s group claimed 6.5 million members, to have raised \$69 million for conservative politicians, and helped to elect Ronald Reagan president in 1980.^{44 45}

1980 - Present: The Traditional Values Coalition (TVC), a lobbying organization, is founded Rev. Louis P. Sheldon. Currently, TVC claims to “speak on behalf of over 43,000 churches bridging racial and socio-economic barriers and include[ing] most Christian denominations.” TVC lobbies efforts concern religious liberties, marriage, abortion, “the homosexual agenda,” pornography, family tax relief, and educational issues. TVC’s sister organization, Traditional Values Coalition Education and Legal Institute, “is dedicated to educating and supporting churches in their efforts to restore America’s cultural heritage.”⁴⁶

1981 – Present: The Family Research Council (FRC), a conservative think-tank with a PAC-arm, is merged with James Clayton “Jim” Dobson, PhD.’s, Focus on the Family organization to “champion[...] marriage and family as the foundation of civilization, the seedbed of virtue, and the wellspring of society.”⁴⁷ In 1993, FRC and Focus on the Family severed ties because the former threatened the latter’s tax exemption status.⁴⁸ As is generally known, FRC is considered influential in conservative politics because of its past association with Dr. Dobson; however, its membership is estimated to only be approximately 450 thousand by opponent organizations.⁴⁹ Recently, FRC has been heavily criticized for its conflation of homosexuality and pedophilia and its current president’s, former Louisiana state representative Anthony Richard “Tony” Perkins (LA – R), alleged connections to white supremacist organizations and individuals.⁵⁰

1982 – Present: The Rutherford Institute based in Charlottesville, VA is founded by constitutional attorney John W. Whitehead to provide legal services in the “defense of religious and civil liberties and to educate the public on important issues affecting their constitutional

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freedoms.”⁵¹ The Institute is best known for paying Paula Jones’ legal costs in her lawsuit against then sitting President William Jefferson Clinton.⁵² The Paula Jones affair notwithstanding, Whitehead is generally thought to have been associated with the Chalcedon Foundation (a Christian Reconstructionist think tank) and argued First Amendment and public education cases that conform to Reconstructionists’ views. Since then, however, the Institute has seemingly moved away from such views.⁵³ Additionally, the Institute has widened the scope of its cases. For instance, the Institute filed a joint amicus brief with People For the American Way Foundation in *Padilla v. Hanft*, 423 F.3d 386, 397 (4th Cir. 2005) – a “War on Terror” case. Finally, the Institute has sharply criticized the “the Patriot Act.”⁵⁴

1986: Oral Roberts University School of Law is closed due to financial difficulty and donates its law library to Regent University School of Law.⁵⁵

1986 – Present: Salem Communications, Inc (NASDAQ: SALM), a for-profit radio broadcaster, Internet content provider, as well as a magazine and book publisher is founded by Edward G. Atsinger, CEO and Director of Salem Communications Holding Corp. Headquartered in Camarillo, CA, Salem targets Christian audiences with “family-themed content and conservative values.” A wholly-owned subsidiary, Salem Radio Network, syndicates talk, news, and music programming to approximately 2,000 affiliates. Salem owns and operates approximately 100 radio stations (23 of which are in the top 25 US markets). Salem also has a marketing subsidiary that avowedly targets “advertisers who wish to reach Christian and family-themed audience.” Salem’s 2007 10-K filing reports \$232M in revenue and after-tax income of \$8M (with a gross profit of 58.7M and EBITDA of \$54.5M). Finally, Salem also discloses in its 2007 10-K filing that it is “the sixth largest operator measured by number of stations overall and the third largest operator measured by number of stations in the top 25 markets.”

1986 – Present: Operation Rescue (ambiguous) is founded by Randall Terry. There are many splinter and affiliate pro-life Christian activist organizations. Well known for its widely publicized acts of civil disobedience in the late 1980s and 1990s, Operation Rescue organizations generally target Family Planning Clinics. The two main beneficiaries of Operation Rescue are Operation Rescue West (which now simply calls itself Operation Rescue) and Operation Save America/Operation Rescue. Troy Newman is the president of Operation Rescue West, which is based in Wichita, KS, and claims to be “the leading pro-life Christian activist organization in the nation [...] [and] [...] the voice of the pro-life activist movement in America.”⁵⁶ It also claims that “its activities are on the cutting edge of the abortion issue, taking direct action to restore legal personhood to the pre-born and stop abortion in obedience to biblical mandates”⁵⁷ Operation Rescue West began as a California affiliate of the national organization. Operation Save America/Operation Rescue, the more legitimate successor Terry’s organization, has adopted a seemingly wider purview. That is to say that while its mission statement reads, “Operation Save America unashamedly takes up the cause of preborn children in the name of Jesus Christ [and] [...] the repentance of the Church of Jesus Christ is our ultimate goal [...],” it also concerns itself with the “criminalization of Christianity,” the “homosexual agenda,” and conducting boycotts on retailers (e.g., “Operation Save Wal-Mart”).^{58 59} Current Operation Save America/Operation Rescue president, Rev. Philip L. “Flip” Benham, garnered modest media attention when he performed a baptism on Norma Leah McCorvey, appellant “Jane Roe” in *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973).⁶⁰ Terry Randall has since converted to Roman Catholicism.⁶¹

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1986 – Present: Regent University School of Law, an affiliate of Regent University, is founded. The majority of its law library was donated by the discontinued ORU School of Law. From 1989 to 1989, the School of Law maintained provisional ABA accreditation and has had full ABA accreditation since 1996.^{62 63}

1988 – Present: The Rush Limbaugh Show, “the highest-rated talk-radio show.” Many of the radio stations that air Mr. Limbaugh’s show, as well as Mr. Limbaugh himself, claim it is the highest rated show but such claims are difficult to substantiate given the transitory nature of ratings. Nevertheless, Mr. Limbaugh is generally thought to be very influential in conservative politics.

1989 – Present: Christian Coalition of America (formerly, Christian Coalition, Inc.) is founded Rev. Marion Gordon “Pat” Robertson. The organization claims to be “the largest and most active conservative grassroots political organization [in America].”⁶⁴ The Coalition further claims to attract conservative members from many Christian denominations and creeds. While there are disputes over the size of the Coalition (the Coalition claims 2 million, while opponent organizations claim 300 to 400 thousand), all seemingly agree on the importance the coalition has played in conservative politics since its inception.⁶⁵ Finally, the influence of the Coalition is generally believed to be waning.⁶⁶

1990 – Present: American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) is founded by Rev. Marion Gordon “Pat” Robertson, with its current Chief Counsel being Jay Sekulow, and is “dedicated to defending and advancing religious liberty, the sanctity of human life, and the two-parent, marriage-bound family.”⁶⁷ ACLJ supports a federal marriage amendment, school vouchers, faith-based social services, as well as litigate on behalf of anti-abortion groups. Further, ACLJ opposes abortion and litigates on behalf of those who protest outside medical facilities.^{68 69} The ACLJ and Sekulow advocacy to the Bush Administration for conservative judicial appointments has been reported on in legal circles.⁷⁰

1990 – Present: The Promise Keepers (PK) is a Christian-men’s organization founded by Bill “Coach Mac” McCartney (a former University of Colorado football coach) and Dave Wardell, PhD. in Denver, CO. PK name derives its name from seven [7] core promises its members make. They are to: 1) Honor Jesus Christ through worship, prayer and obedience to God, 2) Pursue vital relationships with a few other men, 3) Practice spiritual, moral, ethical, and sexual purity, 4) Build strong marriages and families through love, protection and biblical values, 5) Support the mission of the church by honoring and praying for the pastor and by actively giving time and resources, 6) Reach beyond any racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of biblical unity, and 7) Commit to influencing his world, being obedient to the Great Commandment (see Mark 12:30-31) and the Great Commission (see Matthew 28:19-20). In **1992**, James Clayton “Jim” Dobson, PhD’s program “Focus on the Family” aired a program on the PK ministry, which the organization acknowledges was a seminal event in its history. Membership and attendance to PK annual events has grown significantly (but not necessarily steadily) since then. For instance and according to PK, in **2006**, more than 132,000 men attended annual conferences in 18 US cities. In **2007**, over 50,000 men attended annual conferences in 7 US cities.⁷¹ It is generally believed, however, PK informal membership is significantly greater than its official membership. Further and is generally known, PK mission to reach “beyond any

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racial and denominational barriers” in addition to their chartable work is generally viewed favorably, while their call for wives to “submit” to their husbands has made some uncomfortable.⁷²

1991: Darwin on Trial. Phillip E. Johnson. Johnson describes the work as “responsible for alerting many among the public and in the scientific community to the deficiencies of Darwinism.” The book is generally regarded as central to the Intelligent Design Movement.⁷³

1994: The “(Republican) Contract with America” is a 104th Congress House Republicans manifesto that details a list of goals and bills the new Republican majority promise to introduce. The contract promises legislation on balanced budget, anti-crime, teenage pregnancy, tax incentives for adoption, dependant tax credits, tort reform, Social Security earnings limit, small business incentives, and term limits.⁷⁴

1994 – Present: The Alliance Defense Fund (ADF), a legal alliance, is founded by Bill Bright (founder of Campus Crusade for Christ International), Larry Burkett (founder of Crown Financial Ministries), James Clayton “Jim” Dobson, PhD (founder of Focus on the Family), Dr. D. James Kennedy (founder of Coral Ridge Ministries), and Marlin Maddoux. ADF is based in Scottsdale, AZ and its mission statement is to “defend[...] the right to hear and speak the Truth through strategy, training, funding, and litigation.”⁷⁵ ADF concerns itself with issues such as “the defense of marriage, protecting Christian speech on university campuses, and defending the rights of pastors to speak freely on moral issues.”⁷⁶ ADF seems to be most active in the First Amendment Issues as they pertain to Christian college students, but also litigates state and federal actions within the purview of its mission statement, which includes abortion, the rights of foreigners to access federal courts, and pornography. Finally, current ADF president, Alan Sears, co-authored The Homosexual Agenda: Exposing the Principal Threat to Religious Freedom Today and The ACLU vs. America: Exposing the Agenda to Redefine Moral Values.⁷⁷

1995: Norma Leah McCorvey, appellant “Jane Roe” in *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), announces her conversion to Christianity. She is baptized by Rev. Philip “Flip” Benham, evangelical Christian minister, leader of Operation Save America/ Operation Rescue (formerly Operation Rescue). In **1998**, McCorvey announces her confirmation into the Roman Catholic Church.⁷⁸

1998 – 1999: **5 Oct 1998**, the House Judiciary Committee recommends a full impeachment inquiry (21-16) of President William Jefferson Clinton. **8 Oct 1998**, the House authorizes an impeachment inquiry (258-176). **11 - 12 Dec 1998**, the House Judiciary Committee approves articles of impeachment alleging the President lied under oath to a federal grand jury, obstructed justice, and made false statements to Congress. **18 Dec 1998**, the House approves two articles of impeachment: lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice. **7 Jan 1999**, the perjury and obstruction of justice trial begins in the Senate. **12 Feb 1999**, The President is acquitted on both the perjury charge (55-45) and the obstruction of justice charge (50-50).⁷⁹

2001 (11 -14 Sept): The Rev. Jerry Lamon Falwell, Sr. and Rev. Marion Gordon “Pat” Robertson elicit strong public reaction for comments made (primarily by Falwell) that blamed pagans, “abortionists,” feminists, gays and lesbians, the ACLU, People For the American Way,

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and “all of them who have tried to secularize America” for the 11 September Terror Attacks. The comments were made on Robertson’s 700 Club television program. The Rev. Falwell offered a clarification of his comments and an apology on or around 14 Sept 2001.⁸⁰

2004 – Liberty University establishes an affiliated school, Liberty University School of Law. In 2006, eighteen months after admitting its first class, Liberty University School of Law is given provisional ABA accreditation.^{81 82} (The short time frame in which provisional ABA accreditation was granted is virtually unprecedented.)

2004 – Present: The Moral Majority Coalition, an heir of the Moral Majority, is founded by Rev. Jerry Lamon Falwell, Sr. with the express purpose of “continu[ing] the ‘evangelical revolution’ that swept President Bush back into the White House and saw the election of many pro-life leaders to national office.”⁸³

2007 (15 May): The Rev. Jerry Lamon Falwell, Sr. dies.

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