Weak and Strong Multiculturalism and Discrimination Against Orthodox Christian Beliefs

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• Minimizes conflict
• Increases cooperation

  ◦ Increases value in a community

Neale, Northcraft, & Jehn, 1999
...Allowing closely held for-profit corporations to be exempt from a law its owners religiously object to if there is a less restrictive means of furthering the law's interest
• Sees objective moral goods
• Appreciates the desire to rectify the wrongs done to the weak and oppressed in our history
• Believes we should study and understand the diverse cultures and subcultures of our nation and the world

(Steven Yates qtd. in Beckwith and Koukl, 2002)
Weak Multiculturalism
- No objective truth, right or wrong
- Every judgment can be reduced to a cultural perspective
Cheating  Pedophilia  Drug Abuse  Bestiality

Strong Multiculturalism in Practice
Strong Multiculturalism and Christianity

- Cheating
- Pedophilia
- Drug Abuse
- Bestiality

Incorporating the Ten Commandments as depicted:

GOD:
1. Do not worship any other gods
2. Do not make any idols
3. Do not misuse the name of God
4. Keep the Sabbath holy
5. Honour your father and mother
6. Do not murder
7. Do not commit adultery
8. Do not steal
9. Do not lie
10. Do not covet

MAN:
Christianity on University Campuses
• Clip of monumental

Christianity on University Campuses, Cont’d.
Jury Verdict: University Retaliated Against Christian Professor

University of North Carolina at Wilmington-
Mike Adams, Ph.D., was hired by the university in 1993 and promoted to associate professor in 1998. Adams became a Christian two years later. He began sharing his faith in published columns. And that’s when things began to change; despite an exemplary record as a professor, the university turned him down when he applied for full professorship.”

(Citizenlink)
Everyday Discrimination against Christian Students

- 2 per week
- Overt (teasing, hostility, derogation)
Derogating Christian Beliefs
Derogating Christian People
Derogating Christian Practices

Modesty
isn’t about
covering up our bodies
because they’re bad,
modesty isn’t about
hiding ourselves...
it’s about revealing
our dignity.
- Jessica Rey
Derogating Individual Christian Churches
Students
Professors
Administration
References


Scenarios, Questions, and Answers
Your professor argues that Secretary of State, John Kerry, should recognize ISIS as a state, and bring the group into the United Nations. Is she exhibiting weak or strong multiculturalism?
You notice that every year the school hosts a fun run to raise money for the scholarship fund, but no wheeled vehicles are allowed in the race. Your roommate is wheelchair bound and never able to participate, so she decides to speak to administration about it. Are you exhibiting weak or strong multiculturalism?
You’re asked to read a short story that contains graphic descriptions of masturbation. Are you able to object on moral grounds? If so, what is a reasonable alternate assignment?

What do you do?
One of your papers receives a zero and the comment, “See me about avoiding hate speech in your writing,” when you write that you disagree that same sex marriage is more ethical alternative to traditional marriage.
Your campus organization is denied reactivation by student life because you impose bylaws requiring leaders in the organization to affirm your code of conduct which includes the statement, Christ is the way, truth and life, no one goes to the Father except through Him.
Resources for Students
• Alliance Defense Fund (alliancedefensefund.org)
• National Association Against Christian Discrimination (naacd.com)
• Institute for Creation Research (icr.org)
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