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- 4) "But what about the atheists?" is another argument. What about them? Nobody is asking them to be baptized. We're not going to pass the collection plate. Just humor us for 30 seconds. If that's asking too much, bring a Walkman or a pair of ear plugs. Go to the bathroom. Visit the concession stand. Call your lawyer. Unfortunately, one or two will make that call.
- 5) Christians are just sick and tired of turning the other cheek while our courts strip us of all our rights. Our parents and grandparents taught us to pray before eating, and before we go to sleep. Now a handful of people and their lawyers are telling us to cease praying. God, help us.
- 6) The silent majority has been silent too long. It's time we let that one or two who scream loud enough to be heard, that the vast majority doesn't care what they want --- it is time the majority rules! It's time we tell them, you don't have to pray.. you don't have to say the pledge of allegiance, you don't have to believe in God or attend services that honor Him. That is your right, and we will honor your right, but by George you are no longer going to take our rights away, we are fighting back and we WILL WIN! God bless us one and all! God bless America, despite all her faults, still the greatest nation of all. God bless our military who are fighting to protect our right to pray and worship God. Keep looking up! In God WE Trust!

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