

Atheist Plan to Ban 'God Bless America' Backfires

An atheist organization targeted a small-town post office to demand they remove their "God Bless America" banner, but that's not the whole story.

"Employees are free to ask God to bless America all they want on their own time. The problem comes when they ask their government employer to endorse their personal religious beliefs by plastering them on the side of the federal building," Freedom From Religion Foundation's Madeline Ziegler said of their campaign.

Though the Pittsburg, Kansas, post office complied with the atheist organization's demands, residents took Ziegler's words to heart.

According to *The Morning Sun*, a local fireworks shop printed 1,500 yard signs and banners, which residents plastered across the city.

"Obviously, we're among the majority that didn't agree with the decision to take the sign down (at the post office)," Jason Marietta, retail sales director, told *The Morning Sun*.

Instead of one big sign at the post office, Pittsburg now has 1,500 across the town, marking the area for God.