

Majority of Americans Recognize Christ in Christmas

While some “grinches” try to secularize Christmas and remove any mention of Christ from Christmas, the majority of Americans still celebrate the “reason for the season.”

According to Rasmussen Reports, 78 percent of Americans believe that Jesus is the Son of God who came to earth to die for our sins; 79 percent of Americans say religious holidays should be celebrated in public schools, and 70 percent prefer “Merry Christmas” to “Happy Holidays” on store signs.

The majority of Americans believe that Christmas should be celebrated in public schools. Public schools are not religion-free zones. Classroom discussion of the religious aspects of the holidays is permissible. A holiday display in a classroom may include a nativity scene or other religious imagery, so long as the context also includes secular symbols.

A choral performance may include religious songs. Indeed, the majority of the songs may be religious, so long as the performance also includes secular holiday songs. If the students select their own songs, there is no requirement that the songs include secular numbers.

Students may distribute religious Christmas cards to their classmates during non-instructional time, and students who are not required to wear uniforms may wear clothing with religious words and religious jewelry.

Americans prefer retailers who say “Merry Christmas” rather than “Happy Holidays.” For the 10th year, Liberty Counsel has published a “Naughty and Nice” list, which catalogs more than 50 national retailers that either censor (“naughty”) or recognize (“nice”) Christmas. Consumers use the list as a shopping guide for where they want to spend their money.

“Christmas isn’t a dirty word,” said Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel. “No other federal holiday is blacklisted like Christmas. It’s okay to say ‘Merry Christmas,’” concluded Staver.

Liberty Counsel’s “Friend or Foe” Christmas Campaign gives the majority of Americans who want to recognize the Christ in Christmas the tools they need to stand up to take back Christmas.

Visit [for downloadable information about celebrating Christmas in the public square and in the workplace](#). You can also download the “Naughty and Nice” list of retailers. Liberty Counsel also offers the “I ♥ CHRISTmas” and “I Helped Save Christmas” buttons.