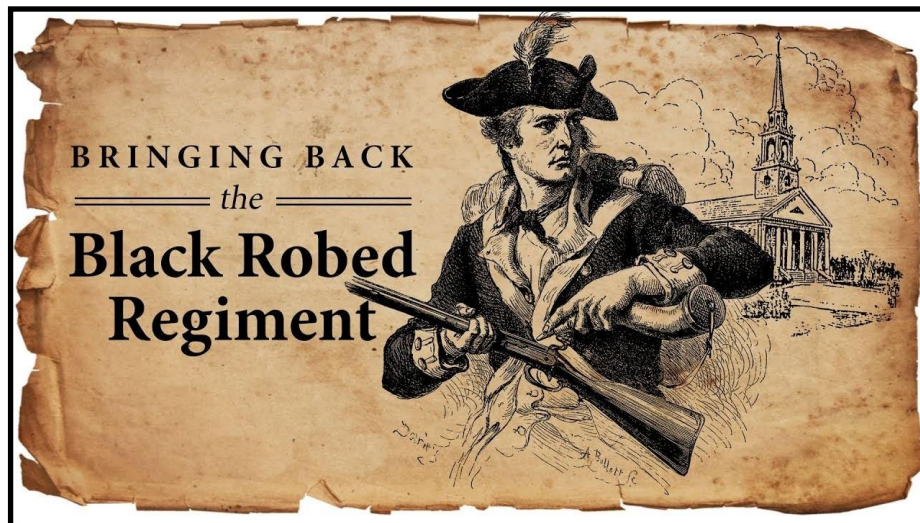


Talking With Your Pastor

Resources & Responses if your Pastor or someone in your church says
“Politics shouldn’t be in church”



Has your Pastor heard about The Black Robed Regiment? They were American Clergy, faithful exponents of the fullness of God’s Word, applying its principles to every aspect of life, thus shaping America’s institutes and culture. They were also at the forefront of proclaiming liberty, resisting tyranny, and opposing any encroachments on God-given rights and freedoms. However, the ministers during the Revolutionary period were not necessarily unique; they were simply continuing what ministers had been doing to shape American government and culture in the century and a half preceding the Revolution.

The Black Robed Regiment were Pastors who said they had a duty to God, but also the country God had blessed them with. After preaching their sermons they took off their black robes to reveal their military uniforms and recruited the able-bodied men from their churches and marched to defend our freedoms. You can find out more about these courageous ministers here. <https://nationalblackroberegiment.com/history-of-the-black-robe-regiment/#>

Losing 501 (c) (3) Status:

Churches are automatically considered tax-exempt and are not required to apply for and obtain recognition of tax-exempt status from the IRS. This authority can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p1828.pdf> page 6 and <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/organizations-not-required-to-file-form-1023>

*David Barton also addresses this in Constitution Alive episode 4 (6 week version) episode 7 (10 week version), and episode 6 of Biblical Citizenship.

We need to teach the Bible not politics:

- Did you know that the Declaration of Independence was basically copied from sermons preached over 100 years prior? Those sermons were still around and making an impact on our Founding Fathers!
- Did you know that the number one quoted source, by far, in the Constitution is the Bible? How awesome is that?
- Did you know that Benjamin Franklin (who is arguably the least religious Founding Father, and who also signed the Declaration of Independence) stood up after 5 weeks of debate over what should be in the Constitution when guys were getting discouraged and wanting to give up, and said they couldn't hope to get this finished without starting each day in prayer. <https://wallbuilders.com/franklins-appeal-prayer-constitutional-convention/>
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Quotes:

- *“Politics are dirty. The church is dirty, what’s your point?”*
— Pastor Rob McCoy (Godspeak Calvary Church)
- *“The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible”* —Founding Father, Noah Webster
- *“Of the many influences that have shaped the United States of America into a distinctive Nation and people, none may be said to be more fundamental and enduring than the Bible....The Bible and its teachings helped form the basis for the Founding Fathers’ abiding belief in the inalienable rights of the individual—rights which they found implicit in the Bible’s teachings of the inherent worth and dignity of each individual.”* —President Ronald Reagan
- *“The government of the United States is acknowledged by the wise and good of other nations, to be the most free, impartial, and righteous government of the world; but all agree, that for such a government to be sustained for many years, the principles of truth and righteousness, taught by the Holy Scriptures, must be practiced. The rulers must govern in the fear of God, and the people obey the laws.”*
— Emma Willard, 1843, Founder of the first women’s school of higher education
- *“The fundamental basis of this Nation’s law was given to Moses on the Mount. The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teaching which we get from Exodus and St. Matthew, from Isaiah and St. Paul. don’t think we emphasize that enough these days.”* — President Harry Truman

Resources for your Pastor:

- **The Founders’ Bible** (recommend this to your Pastor, or gift him/her one if you have the means!)
<https://shop.wallbuilders.com/product-category/bibles/> Included in The Founders’ Bible are 450+ articles covering key topics you need to know about our country, how it was meant to work, the history that brought us here, the purpose and passion behind it all, the incredible power of God’s Word and how it has shaped this nation more than anything else.
- **Patriot Academy’s resource page for Pastors**, <https://coach.patriotacademy.com/pastor/> Feel free to share this link!

