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Dear Sirs:

I want to comment on a program I've just finished watching; I think it was called "Inside" The guests were Jay S--- and a representative from the National Council of Churches. The subject was the "Prayer In School Amendment."

The discussion centered around the principle of separation of church and state. Your guests confused separation of church and state with separation of religion and state. Separation of church and state is not found in our federal Constitution, but the principle has been accepted as a good one and has been adhered to throughout our national life. It simply says that there would be no national church. On the other hand, the separation of religion and state is an impossible undertaking. You cannot separate civil government from religion. Our country was established as a Christian nation, and our laws ~~were~~ were reflective of that faith; and because of this our country prospered as none in history had.

Now, our public schools incorporate

a religion of Humanism, primarily teaching the worship of the state. The students are taught to look to the state for all of their needs. Civil governments throughout our land have insisted on the worship of this pagan god to the exclusion of Christian education which prevailed in our early history. If the students in public schools are taught Humanism from Monday through Friday; it's a moot point to have a prayer amendment.

The point is that it's not a question of separating religion from the state because this is impossible, all governments are religious; the question always is which religion the state embraces. I was disappointed in C-Span for not having a guest on this program who could distinguish between separation of church and state and separation of religion and state.

Sincerely,