



# **PROGRESSIVE POLITICS TENNESSEE STYLE**

*"What are YOU going to do about it?"*

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Bill:

I want to extend to you my sincerest thanks for your willingness to spend the hours of your time over the past two Sundays for our interview. It has been my high honor, and distinct privilege to share this time with you. The two episodes of PPTS which contain our interview represent to me the very best work this endeavor has accomplished, particularly due to the kindness, patience, and strength of your interview for us.

Moreover, I am convinced that these four hours represent a real primer on the example of a Progressive activist. Your words should be heard by every citizen of the United States of America, because your years of real activism are a clear, and undeniable example that one citizen can make a real difference—even to the world.

I consider you to be my friend, and mentor. I hope you will feel free to visit our show any time, for so much time as you would care to consume. I recommend you to anyone who would like to share time with, or interview one of our true icons of living history without exception or reservation. In more than forty years of broadcast and print journalism, it is my opinion that these four hours represent the very best work I have ever had the honor to be of some small part. Thank you. Please feel free to use the show, or myself, as a personal or professional reference should you ever feel the desire or need.

I am returning to you the reference documents you so kindly shared with me. It was truly amazing to read them, to even touch them.

Also, please find enclosed a recorded CD of the interview for your personal use.

Incidentally, the interviews are on permanent archive at our Show site as Episode 26 and Episode 27. These can be found, heard, or downloaded as you may desire.

I referenced, during our interview yesterday, two particular website addresses which dealt with the Family Research Council and their planned public discussion of *Eisenstadt v. Baird*.

The first is from a blog I occasionally follow, named "*The Free Thought Blog*":  
<http://freethoughtblogs.com/dispatches/2012/03/16/wingnuts-forget-roe-overturn-eisenstadt/>

The topic of this writing is an examination of the ultra-conservative constituency's dilemma with the pro-abortion movement, entitled "*Forget Roe! Overturn Eisenstadt!*"

Within that writing, there is a notification of the intent of the Family Research Council, whose Director, Tony Perkins, has announced a public forum debate regarding "*Eisenstadt*" for his organization, entitled "*Forty Years Since Eisenstadt v. Baird: A Look At the High Court's Legal Attack On Marriage*".

<http://www.frc.org/eventregistration/40-years-since-eisenstadt-v-baird-a-look-at-the-high-courts-legal-attack-on-marriage>

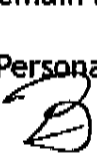
It would seem to me that perhaps, due to their celebration of your case's fortieth anniversary and their discussion on you and your case, they might be interested in having you as a paid speaker for such an august presentation.

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Thank you again, Bill for your historic activism, and more importantly your friendship. May you remain strong, healthy, and resolute. You are not alone.

Best Personal Regards,



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