

House Joint Resolution (HJR-50): The Parental Privileges Amendment

House Joint Resolution (HJR-50) [The Parental Rights Amendment](#) (PRA) should be called the *Parental Privileges Amendment*. Michael Farris, the Convention of States Project Director doesn't like talking about the specifics of his proposed amendments to grassroots groups when he is wearing his *Convention of States Project* director hat, but when Mr. Farris dons his [ParentalRights.org](#) hat he's been vigorously promoting the PRA [in testimony to Congress](#), and ["encouraging state legislative resolutions"](#) which would grant the federal government control over your kids. Yes, he sells it as a protection of parental rights, but don't let the title fool you. *The Patriot Act* has nothing to do with patriotism, and the *Affordable Care Act* has nothing to do with making healthcare affordable.

Section 3 of the proposed Parental Rights Amendment is extremely dangerous:

"Neither the United States nor any State shall infringe these rights without demonstrating that its governmental interest as applied to the person is of the highest order and not otherwise served."

This turns parental rights into "parental privileges" at the discretion of government bureaucrats and would constitutionalize the currently unconstitutional "government interest" judicial doctrine which says any rights can be violated by the government for a good reason determined by the government.

Parental rights are among the *"unalienable Rights"* endowed to parents by our Creator, and *"the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them"* are both clearly established in the [Declaration of Independence](#).

The [Preamble to the Constitution](#) confirms the purpose of our government is to *"secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,"* not to turn rights into privileges.

It would seem that Mr. Farris and the [80 co-sponsors](#) of HJR-50 have forgotten the [Ninth Amendment](#), which states:

"The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

Parental Rights unequivocally fall into the category of rights *"retained by the people"* in the *Ninth Amendment*. The Constitution is indeed the *"supreme Law of the Land,"* but not the supreme law of the people. Parental Rights remain in the category of all other areas for which authority is *"reserved to the States respectively, or to the people"* in the [Tenth Amendment](#).

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The Bible says it best in [Matthew 22:21](#),

***“... Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's;
and unto God the things that are God's.”***

Parental rights over their own children are thoroughly established first in the Bible, identified in the Declaration of Independence, secured in the Constitution, and clarified in the Ninth and Tenth Amendments. One doesn't need a law degree to understand that, just common sense.

Section 5 of the Parental Rights Amendment says the following:

“No treaty may be adopted nor shall any source of international law be employed to supersede, modify, interpret, or apply to the rights guaranteed by this article.”

“If we adopt a treaty on education, for example, all educational authority is transferred from the states to Congress.” [-Michael Farris, Director, Convention of States Project, Jan. 15, 2014](#)

The Supremacy Clause (Article VI, Clause 2) seems to confuse Mr. Farris. He also claims there are [two Constitutions](#). Perhaps Mr. Farris has been a lawyer so long he believes the only solution to violations of the “supreme Law of the Land” is to “[rewrite](#)” it, as his communications director suggested earlier this year.

The Parental Rights Amendment [HJR-50](#), should be rejected. That public servants in Congress and the states have refused to uphold the Constitutional protections of parental rights already in place is an absurd reason to turn them into privileges granted by government. There are already plenty of statutes to protect children from dangerous parents.

Want to know the truth about the Parental Rights Amendment?

WATCH ON YOUTUBE:

[“Dr. Edwin Vieira on Parental Rights Amendment”](#)
and [“Nation on FIRE: Parental Rights Amendment”](#)

Protect your God-given Rights to raise your children as you see fit.

“Michael Farris’ solution to protecting parental rights is to take them away from the parents, and give them to the government. HJR-50 “The Parental Rights Amendment” is the wrong solution to the wrong problem.”

- [Jeff Lewis](#), National Director, [Patriot Coalition](#)

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