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The Effect of American Law on Creation Research and Education: Using Grassroots Organization to Respond

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ABSTRACT
In recent years, there has been an increase in legal suits and other politically-motivated actions against creation scientists within America’s public education system and scientific research community. This judicial action is in addition to the actions of the executive branch of the federal government. In spite of these affronts to our community, a well-organized grassroots movement can help alleviate certain risks of the pervasive hegemony of those who desire to subvert the First Amendment Rights of creation science professionals. Along with a coordinated effort to help protect said First Amendment Rights through a structured approach to advocacy, our community can work together to achieve more protective measures. Such standards can provide support for individuals who are being targeted such as was found in the research, interviews, and case studies done for this project. In observation, we have seen these proactive steps through grassroots organization produce favorable results. For example, in states such as California and the nation of Portugal just in the past year. By providing a platform for lawyers, advocates, expert witnesses, creation science professionals, and educators to collaborate and strategize. Such a concerted effort is essential to maintaining the well-being of our community. Having the proper structure, creation science advocacy empowers the entire creation science community.

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Political science, creation science, first amendment, grassroots, religious freedom

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