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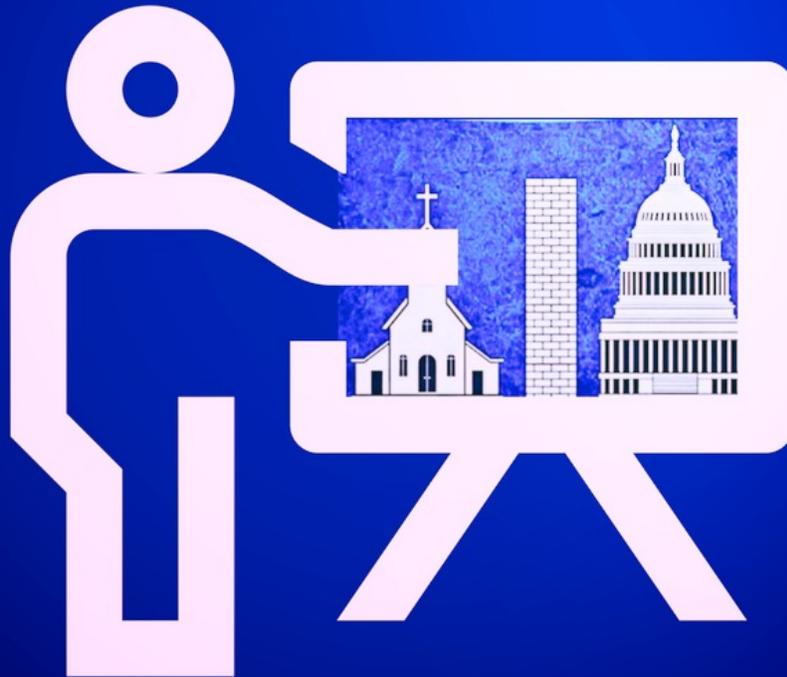
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ARIZONA'S VOICE FOR
SECULAR GOVERNMENT

Secular AZ Events

LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UPS...
NOW SCHEDULING!



Secular Wrap-Up Presentations: Secular AZ's lobbyist Tory Roberg is giving presentations to liaised organizations about what we did to fight for secular issues at the State Capitol this year. Come join one of the below groups to learn more about secular advocacy and we

can do together to strengthen our movement at the Legislature.

Sept. 7th, 9:30 AM

[Phoenix Atheists Meetup Group](#) -

AJ's Fine Foods at 7131 W Ray Rd, Chandler, AZ, 85226

Sept. 21st, 2:00 PM

[Secular Humanist Jewish Circle](#)

Himmel Park Library, 1035 N Treat Ave. Tucson, AZ 85716

Sept. 22nd, 10:00 AM

[Humanist Society of Greater Phoenix](#)

627 W. Rio Salado Parkway Mesa, AZ 85201

Want us to come speak to your group about separation of church and state? We're scheduling talks for secular, grassroots, and political groups of all kinds through the rest of the year. [Email](#) for more info.



Get starstruck: Several lawmakers have RSVPed for our Happy Hours with the Stars. Will you join them? You still have two weeks left to register. Our Tucson event will take place Sept. 24th, and Tempe on Sept. 26th. Register and get more info [here](#).

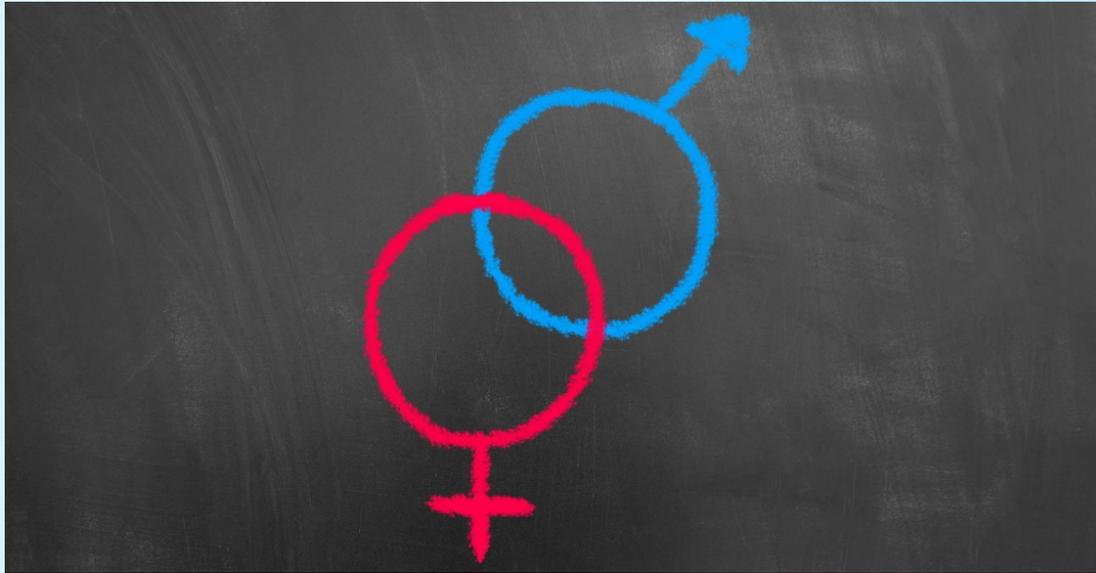
A big thank you to our event hosts so far: Mike Franklin, Jerry Karches, Elaine Bosman, Don Lacey, Jennifer White, Zenaido Quintana, and Tory Roberg/Fortitude AZ!

Dawkins in Mesa: Center for Inquiry is bringing author and evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins along with actress/activist Amber Heard to Mesa to discuss science, secularism, current events and more! This enlightening 90 minutes will feature an audience Q&A and wrap up with a book signing. Tickets available [here](#).

An evening with Seth and Matt: Seth Andrews (of the

Thinking Atheist podcast) and Matt Dillahunty (atheist activist/author/radio host) are teaming up for a one-night event hosted by the Humanist Society of Greater Phoenix. Join them for a fun evening of conversation, book signing, and networking by registering [here](#).

Statewide Secular News



Sex ed in Tucson: The Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) has been making news for its discussion of a proposed [Family Life Curriculum](#). The lesson plan teaches younger children social-emotional learning, puberty, basic reproductive anatomy, hygiene and personal safety. For grades 7-12, it teaches topics such as how to evaluate relationships, peer pressure, and the influence of media. It honestly addresses the topics of contraception, pregnancy, parenting, adoption, elective abortion, sexually transmitted infections, and personal safety from sexual harm.

The curriculum is receiving fierce debate. It instigated a walk-out staged by 200 curriculum supporters who protested anti-LGBTQI+ comments at a TUSD public hearing. The faith-based Protect Arizona's Children Coalition has stirred up opposition to the curriculum, claiming it teaches "harmful gender ideologies" and claiming falsely (via a highly-produced video) that the curriculum was written by Planned Parenthood. (A myth debunked by the [Tucson Daily Star](#).)

We are encouraging Tucson-area supporters to write the TUSD Governing Board in support of the curriculum. **Click [here](#) to quickly use our action alert system, or email them directly at governingboard@tusd1.org.**

Justice against religious abuse of power: A federal appeals court has upheld an earlier ruling, finding that officials of

Colorado City, AZ unconstitutionally used their power to discriminate against those who were not members of the Fundamentalist Church of Latter Day Saints religious sect.

In a unanimous ruling, a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said there was "overwhelming evidence" that the community deprived residents who were not members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints of their constitutional rights. This ranged from the passive, like refusing to grant them the same legal protections and even water services, to the overt like the use of the police department to harass non-church members. Read more [here](#).

Other national stories of interest:

[North Carolina police officer fired for following the 'Billy Graham Rule,' lawsuit says](#)

[A couple who ran a religious conversion therapy program have been charged with trafficking underage boys](#)

[Former Kentucky clerk Kim Davis can be sued for refusing to issue same-sex marriage licenses: court](#)

[Democratic Party embraces nonreligious voters at annual summer meeting](#)

[Bibles but Not Textbooks: Trump's Tariff Exemptions Pick Winners and Losers](#)

[Court Approves Banning Atheists From Reciting Opening Prayers At State Legislature \(Pennsylvania\)](#)

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