

## Should the words "under God" be included in our Pledge of Allegiance?

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The Pledge of Allegiance is part of your everyday school experience. Some argue that the words "under God" violate our personal and religious freedoms according to the First Amendment. Others support its inclusion as a "tip of the cap" to our nation's religious heritage.

I'd like to know your thoughts. Please read the following [post](#) from ProCon.org in order to further formulate your opinion.

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**William Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:09 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I believe that the pledge of allegiance should have the words under god in it because one it's tradition and two, we really are theoreticly under god since when you think of heaven (which is where god resides) you think of the sky.

**Mr. Stewart Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:19 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Lee,

I want you to consider checking your spelling before posting to a public forum. "Allegiance" is spelled correctly on the post title, so make sure that it is spelled correctly on your post. I would suggest typing this into Word first in order to check spelling. Also, you say that we are theoretically "under God" because we are located under "heaven" (your spelling, not mine). Did you mean "hypothetically"?

If students disagree with you, they may say that traditions don't always mean they should continue. For example, white southerners used adhere to a tradition of slavery and racism, but that doesn't mean they should continue.

**Kannon Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:09 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Mr. Stewart I agree with you except for the fact that slavery wasn't a tradition. It wasn't like opening a Christmas present on Christmas Eve. This was at a time when we didn't have machines to do all of that stuff for us we just decided to make African Americans slaves because down where there were slaves the people there did not feel like doing the work. Normally for traditions it is something you celebrate. Nobody I know of should celebrate slavery and I don't think anyone ever should.

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**Maya Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:15 am [Log in to Reply](#)

"The First Amendment states 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.' If this is so true, then why is the exact opposite of it in one of the most well known group of words known to America? Many people live in America. People of all different religions!! Why should we make america only one religion? There is a law against making an establishment, and here there the leaders of our country are doing what they told us not to!!!! They are the people making the very important desions in our country, and here they are not even setting a good example, for there on law!!!! I belive that the "under god" in the Pledge of Allegiance should be taken out!

**Aubrianna Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:31 am [Log in to Reply](#)

i strongly disagree maya. the word "god" can mean any god as far al religion goes

**Alli Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:33 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think that was a good argument Maya, but I strongly disagree. I think that the phrase "one nation, under God" could mean more than just believing in God. I think they said "one nation" for a reason. Under God could just mean we are one country that works together under the same sky. You dont have to belive in God to say the words "one nation under God".

**Bella Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:34 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Maya, i can definetly see how you think this, and its very logical. But i disagree. When you said, "Why should we make america only one religion" I thought that nobody is trying to force religions on people, the person who wrote that could have been mthinknig metaphoraclly.

**Saxon Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:28 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I will have to disagree with you Maya because the words "under god" don't have any effect on the peldge because here in america most people have religions that believe in god!

**Jordan Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 1:46 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Maya, i see your point in thought, however, I have to say that those words aren` t really offending other people of other religions. I think that if people don` t like that saying, they shouldn` t make a big deal about it. I think that those people could just make it another part of there day. I mean, those were the words of our founding fathers. You have to respect them.

**KatiePandaBear \*Kate\* Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:15 am [Log in to Reply](#)

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Personally, I think the "Under God" part of the pledge should stay there because our forefathers said it that way so we SHOULDN'T change what we have been saying/ doing for the past I don't know.. 300 YEARS! So if we change it now people might go into a state of patriotic shock so we will then have another 'Civil' war but instead of slavery, it will mainly be focused on the sides of the story that want the pledge to remain the same and those who want the "Under God" part obliterated... Also, if we take the 'Under God' part out, some of the die hard christians might get so upset that we would have a whole entire angry religion on our hands and the protesting would sky-rocket...To add some relevance to my rather lengthy comment I will put a quote in here, "From this day forward, the millions of our school children will daily proclaim in every city and town, every village and rural school house, the dedication of our nation and our people to the Almighty. To anyone who truly loves America, nothing could be more inspiring than to contemplate this rededication of our youth, on each school morning, to our country's true meaning" Some of the kids at school would get rather confused due to the fact of cutting out a part of this Declaration... I MEAN COME ON!!! IT WOULD BE LIKE GOING BACK TO KINDERGARTEN AND LEARNING IT ALL OVER AGAIN!!! That would be rather difficult for the teachers to have to take time out of their allr teach their students the Pledge that they had thought would remain the same... Thank you and have your self a Merry Little Christmas!!!

**Maya Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:30 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Kate I have to disagree with you! The part that has "under god" Hasn't even been around when the pledge was first written!!! Second of all, it never says what god so christians wouldn't go into shock, and the fact that we have peolpe from India that live in america and they have more than one god, so it offends them anyway!

**Austin Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:16 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Should the words "under god" be included in the Pledge of Allegiance? I believe that people should have the freedom to choose what they say in the Pledge of Allegiance. I know a person that simply doesn't say the pledge of allegiance because of his religion. But, on the other hand, Sam Brownback, JD, United States Senator said "There is nothing more American than the Pledge of Allegiance and an acknowledgement of god is at the heart of our founding principles and is our nation's motto." I happen to agree with Mr. Brownback, but do not believe that it should be forced upon other people with different beliefs than me. I believe that removing the words completely would be going a bit overboard. All in all, I feel that the Pledge of Allegiance is an important part of history and therefore, should not be changed, but the choice whether or not to say it in the first place would be a good, sensible, solution.

**Isabella Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:28 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I very much agree with you Austin! We should be able to give people the decision to state the words 'under god'. And in doing so, the people who beleive in god, can state their allegiance to god, and those who may not beleive in him will have the ability to opt out of it.

**Matthew Said,**

August 21, 2011@ 3:31 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

i like how you put up your argument, but it bothered me that you could be lying, post your source next time please

**Isabella Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:17 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I believe that the phrase 'under god', is inappropriate for us to say in school. In America we have the freedom to believe in whatever we want to believe in, and have whatever religion we would like. So why is it, that in the Pledge of Allegiance we are required to state certain religions' beliefs? We can still be faithful to our country, while having a different religion, believing in different deities, or not believing in anything at all. "The government should not be asking impressionable schoolchildren to affirm their allegiance to God at the same time that they are affirming their allegiance to the country..."

Another problem with this is, even if you do not believe in God, it is difficult to opt out of saying this. Because you may be risking bad judgment from peers and even teachers, just because you have a different religion.

"Reciting 'under God' is a religious act. Children, while theoretically having the right to opt out of reciting the Pledge, may not do so because of fear of exposure as outsiders, because they do not have the capacity to do so, or because they wish not to appear unpatriotic to their teacher and classmates."

And yet another difficulty with stating the words 'under God' is that the government is strongly encouraging a certain religion. It is offensive to other religions, and is also unfair to the those religions also."In adding 'under God' to the Pledge of Allegiance, Congress was unquestionably motivated by a religious purpose." Thank you for your time and I hope you all take what I have said, into consideration.

**KatiePandaBear \*Kate\* Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:28 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Lovely...

I kind of agree with you but I had to choose a side so I chose mine

**Hannah Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:20 am [Log in to Reply](#)

"under god"...Should we be able to say it in a day to day basis? I personally have no problem with it. However I am a very strong christian so it doesn't bother me. but not every one in the world or even our school believes in god. Saying that I have mixed feelings about this. If I weren't a christian I think it might bug me a bit. I always hate to do things that make me uncomfortable, and if others feel that then I think it's a bit unfair. The first Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892. It quotes, "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." If you notice it actually does not say the word God. Then in 1954 president Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God." So ever since then we've had the same pledge. thank you

**Keva Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:20 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think that it depends on the kind of person. If you were Religious you would think it should be there because, he created the world or something. But some people don't believe in him so they might think that they can take it out. I am a Christian so I am supposed to believe in him but I don't. But for the sake of the other people in the world I would highly agree on leaving it in the Pledge of Allegiance. Because without God what would the people

have and you might say "who cares", but almost everyone does. So in conclusion, just make people happy even if most people don't care.

**Nick Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:21 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think of that the Pledge of Allegiance should not have the words "under god" cause some people believe that there are multiple gods, some are Atheist, and some do believe in 1 god. Which in my opinion is what the Pledge is saying. Amendment 1 states that you have the freedom to believe in what ever you want to believe in. People came from England because we had the freedom, and I think that the Pledge is making it sound to me that America is making people believe in one god, or that Congress believes in one god. If I was from a Foreign country I would think that America isn't as free as people said it was. But then again some people don't say the Pledge because of their religion. But are our country believes in God, it is in our Pledge, Money, and a lot of other things.

**Austin Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:32 am [Log in to Reply](#)

On an unrelated note, I was under the impression that Americans came to America because they wanted freedoms they didn't have in England. Not because they had freedoms in England. Otherwise, you make a valid point. But don't you think that completely removing the words is a little far? What about the people who do believe in God?

**BlakeD Said,**

August 21, 2011@ 9:07 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

I would agree and disagree with you because I think that the majority of Americans are focused on only one God, and this country was built on Christianity and many people feel it should stay that way. However with the many cultures living in America these days I do feel if they do not believe in "God" they should not have to say that part in the Pledge of Allegiance. For them to stand and recite the part of the Pledge that they believe in should be enough.

**Aubrianna Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:21 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I agree that the words "under God" should be in the Pledge of Allegiance because the word "God" can mean any "god" it just doesn't have to mean the God for Christians. It can mean the Egyptians' gods or Chinese gods or any other cultures' gods. Plus the Pledge of Allegiance has been around since about 1892.

I pledge allegiance to my Flag,  
and to the Republic for which it stands:  
one Nation indivisible,  
With Liberty and Justice for all.

October 11, 1892

I pledge allegiance to my the  
Flag of the United States,  
and to the Republic for which it stands:  
one Nation indivisible,  
With Liberty and Justice for all.

June 14, 1923

pledge allegiance to the Flag  
of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic for which it stands:  
one Nation indivisible,  
With Liberty and Justice for all.

June 14, 1924

I pledge allegiance to the Flag  
of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic for which it stands:  
one Nation under God, indivisible,  
With Liberty and Justice for all.

June 14, 1954

here is meanings for each part of the pledge

I Pledge Allegiance I Promise to be faithful and true (Promise my loyalty)  
to the flag to the emblem that stands for and represents  
of the United States all 50 states, each of them individually represented on  
the flag  
of America yet formed into a UNION of one Nation.  
and to the Republic And I also pledge my loyalty to the Government that is  
itself a Republic, a form of government where the PEOPLE are sovereign,  
for which it stands, this government also being represented by the Flag to  
which I promise loyalty.  
one Nation under God, These 50 individual states are united as a single  
Republic under the Divine providence of God, "our most powerful  
resource" (according to the words of President Eisenhower)  
Indivisible, and can not be separated. (This part of the original version of  
the pledge was written just 30 years after the beginning of the Civil War and  
demonstrates the unity sought in the years after that divisive period in our  
history)  
with Liberty The people of this Nation being afforded the freedom to pursue  
"life, liberty, and happiness",  
and Justice And each person entitled to be treated justly, fairly, and  
according to proper law and principle,  
for All. And these principles afforded to EVERY AMERICAN, regardless of  
race, religion, color, creed, or any other criteria. Just as the flag represents  
50 individual states that can not be divided or separated, this Nation  
represents millions of people who can not be separated or divided.

[http://www.homeofheroes.com/hallofheroes/1st\\_floor/flag/1bfc\\_pledge.html](http://www.homeofheroes.com/hallofheroes/1st_floor/flag/1bfc_pledge.html)

go to this website it has alot of things about the "under god" thing

<http://jcs.oxfordjournals.org/content/46/2/311.extract>

**KatiePandaBear \*Kate\* Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:31 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Wow... I WOULD TOTALLY HAVE TO AGREE WITH YOU!!!!

**Keva Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:34 am [Log in to Reply](#)

You only wrote 2 sentences and then you copied pasted  
everything. It is good that you found a website that you could use  
but, you should of put it into your own words. And did you really  
need to put the Pledge of Allegiance on it. I'm not trying to be  
mean but it is true. But in the bright side I do agree with you.

**Landon Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:21 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Should the word 'under God,' be in the pledge of allegiance? I don't think it

should and here are a few reasons why. America has many religions because there are many people here. Some people may not believe in God and they may not appreciate the pledge. Others believe in god and may not like it to be used in a political form. But if they meant literally than yes we are under God. I conclude saying I do believe that God should not really be in the pledge of allegiance.

**Nate Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:29 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Landon,

Yes we should respect peoples religion but at the same time i think the recognition of God and Him being in control has brought us to victory even though many of these wars we thought we would never win.

**Nick Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:31 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I agree. Just because 76% of american's are christians doesn't mean that the government has to only respect them. Again there are people that believe in more than one god, or that don't believe in god.

**Mary Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:31 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Landon I agree with you but I went for yes we should have it. but you dont have to say it, only respect the flag by standing up. I guess they are just words.....

**Peter Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:30 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I definitely agree with you. I am a christian and I don't like the mention of God in the pledge

**Mary Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:22 am [Log in to Reply](#)

The Pledge of Allegiance has the words "under God" and some think it wrong, some think its right, and some don't care. I think that it is okay to have those words in the Pledge of Allegiance. I think what counts is whether you believe it or not. We as a country have many different beliefs and so we have a right to use any religion we truly believe in. Although some might be offended at the words in Pledge of Allegiance and I think that we can't change it. The solution to this problem is not to say the Pledge if you are offended by the words. At least just stand to respect the flag. This is what I think about having "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Matthew Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:24 am [Log in to Reply](#)

i agree with mary in the "needs of the many above the needs of the few" aspect of her argument, some people may be upset but they are very few compared to all of the religious people in america that believe in a god, not just the christian go but any god.

**Jordan Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 1:50 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

I agree Mary, we have the freedom of speech and we should be able to keep that right.

**Alli Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:24 am [Log in to Reply](#)

If you ever really think about the words in the Pledge of Allegiance, you might wonder what people who don't believe in God, or don't have a religion at all, think of it. Especially when it says the words "one nation, under God". I think that if you are a person that believes in God, then you don't really think much about it. That being said, if you don't believe in God, you might take offense to this statement. I mean after all we do have the freedom of religion right. Either way, I think that the words are not exactly referring to religion, as much as maybe just bringing our country together as a whole, stating "one nation, under God". I don't think when they were writing it that they were trying to make it sound like everyone believes in god. So to conclude, I think that the words "under God" are not referring to God, as much as just bringing our nation together.

**Lillian Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:24 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think the words under God don't have to be in the pledge but they could. I don't think that it really matters because there are people that believe in God and some that don't. So I think that we should respect the people that don't believe in God by not having it in the pledge but, I also think that we should respect the people that do believe in god by having it in the pledge. So it's kind of hard when you have people that don't believe and that do believe because it could really go either way.

**Grace Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:25 am [Log in to Reply](#)

The question should the Pledge of Allegiance include "under God" is a very difficult question. People should have the right to have a freedom of religion and how they feel about their religion. But it's also part of America and some people feel that it's an important part of history. I don't believe it should be included because of people's right and freedom of religion. And I agree that children should not have to get up in the morning and take a pledge that they don't believe in every morning. People went through so much to try and get their freedom and to those who don't believe it's almost like a small way of saying believe in God. I agree with Erwin Chemerisky students have right to have just as much freedom of religion as anyone else. To some people that a way of saying we still have a little control over your religion. Everyone has rights live with it.

**Matthew Said,**

August 21, 2011@ 3:34 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Good job on your post, but i feel like you repeated yourself several times, and also, you accidentally capitalized AND at the beginning of your sentence

**Bella Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:25 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Have you ever really thought about the words in "The Pledge of Allegiance?" If you have, then you probably realized that the words "Under God" are in there somewhere. But what does that actually mean? Do you think that if you say those words, then you automatically believe in God? Or does it not matter to you? I do think this argument is very equal sided, (and I have different opinions on this) but the thing that is for sure in my mind is that those words don't mean anything unless you want them to. Since I am Christian, I believe that the quote "Under God" can definitely mean you believe in Him. On the other hand, I think that it can be portrayed as a metaphor also. You could think of it as respecting anyone higher than you such as the President, or your parents, and even your teachers. Also, there are many people in this country who don't believe in God, or don't have a religion at all. In that case, I wouldn't think of those words being literal; I would believe that that statement is trying to say that everyone should come together as a nation and respect all the people in this country.

**HadleighAnn Said,**

August 21, 2011@ 2:16 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

I agree, because most of us don't even realize what we are saying because we have been saying it for so long that we just forget. I also agree with on how people can take it as, a metaphor or in a religious aspect. I really like how you put it as everyone should respect all the types of people in this country because so many people forget that no matter what we are all equal.

**Nate Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:25 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think most defiently that we should have the words "Under God" in the pledge of alligence because not only does our country have a religous herritage but many strong leaders have supported the idea of being "Under God." President Eisenhower was urging the government to alter the plege so it would say those words. Eisenhower said these strong words "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war." Even Rosevelt recognized our country being "Under God" because he prayed for our country before d-day. Heres the beginning of the prayer, Almighty God: our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity. Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith. Their is much more to this the link is [http://www.historyguy.com/worldwartwo/roosevelt\\_d-day\\_prayer.htm](http://www.historyguy.com/worldwartwo/roosevelt_d-day_prayer.htm)

**Matthew Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:21 am [Log in to Reply](#)

i agrre with you and like how you pointed out that the christian faith is part of our haritage.

**Schultz, Caleb Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:25 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think that we should just keep our Pledge of Allegiance the way it is because then we will probly have a huge debate. I know that there is some thing in the Constitution that say we can have free religon but .I would rather have the Pledge of Allegiance stay the same. It has been around for hundreds of years, since our nation was founded. William J. Federer said "To the contrary, the public and patriotic affirmation

of God is the best of our national traditions, dating back to Christopher Columbus, continuing with our Founding Fathers, and persisting today." All in all I think that we should keep our Pledge of Allegiance the way it is

P.S

Sorry about my name it didn't let me go to my dashboard.

**Aubrianna Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:26 am [Log in to Reply](#)

wow maya that was interesting but i strongly disagree. the word "god" can mean anything. it can mean any god as far as all religions go.

**Lauren Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:27 am [Log in to Reply](#)

The Pledge of Allegiance has the words "under God" in it. Some argue that this is violating are freedom of religion, although I disagree. I feel that if someone doesn't want to say it or aren't allowed they should just simply not say it. These words do not bother me and plus it's a tradition. The Pledge of Allegiance was made up a long time ago and I don't think it would be ok to change that. It would be are countries heritage just down the drain. The words before "under God" are "one nation" I think this phrase is bringing us together as a nation not necessarily in a religious way. We are a free country so if someone doesn't like what is in the Pledge of Allegiance then don't say it.

**Carsen Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:28 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think that the "under God" line in the Pledge of Allegiance should be removed because there are a tons of different religions. We shouldn't be favoring one religion over others. There are a bunch of kids in a single classroom that have have different religion.

**Matthew Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:27 am [Log in to Reply](#)

i liek your argument but i feel like it was to short to leave any real impact, try making it longer. An easy way to do that is just look for some links and quote some stuff to, "beef it up" a little

**Yale Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:26 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Just because we don't remove the words "under God" doesn't mean that we are favoring religions. There are kids in school that have different religions, but in my opinion I think they should have a choice to say the Pledge of Allegiance in school or not.

**Jordan Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:29 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I don't think it should say 'under god' in the Pledge of Allegiance. I believe it's disrespectful to other religions that don't follow god. Austin cline, MA said" Those who insist that it's not religious should ask themselves how they would feel if it read 'under no God' or 'under Allah.'" I completely agree with him, not all religions follow the belief of god and I don't believe its right to make them say 'under god' in school every day. It's inappropriate to

force people to say anything that they don't want to or don't believe in. it might have been a good idea to say under god in 1892 when the Pledge of Allegiance was written but there are other religions and we need to be respectful to them also. So I believe that we should not say under god in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Hannah Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:29 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I agree with keva...i think it does matter if you are religoous or not.

**Ashley Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:30 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I don't believe that "under God" should be in the Pledge of Allegiance because not everyone in the country believes in god or any god of a sort. To have "Under God" is like telling everyone in the country that this is right and this is what you're supposed to follow because it's in the Pledge of Allegiance but that violating the first amendments. At one point in time "Under God" might have sounded like a good idea because our country was "founded" on the believe of god, But in this day and age there are so many different ethnicities from so many different place with different beliefs that it doesn't really apply anymore.

**Elliot Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:20 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Good point. with so many religions, and with the pledge referring to one vague god, it could mean any number of things. it could mean the government thinks christianity is right. it could mean they think jews are right. whatever they think, our religion is our choice, and our choice alone.

**Matthew Said,**

August 21, 2011@ 3:38 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

you did a good job overall, but it seemed like you didn't fraze the first sentence correctly, instead of "I don't believe that under god should be in the pledge of allegiance" try under god shouldn't, or do not instead of don't, but good argument

**Trevor Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:32 am [Log in to Reply](#)

this is a test

**KatiePandaBear \*Kate\* Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:32 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Wow.... A lot o' comments are on this page...

**Fiona Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:33 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I perasonally don't really care if the words "under God" are in "The Pledge of Allegiance". I do think that it can be offensive to some people. It is not offensive to me but, I think it might be better to take it out of the pledge. I

really don't care though.

**Devynn Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 10:34 am [Log in to Reply](#)

The words can stay there but it would be better off if they were not. For one, there would be less stress if 'under God' was not there. People get offended if they are forced to say that. On the other hand under God does not only relate to the Christian God. It can mean any god.

**Elliot Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:12 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I believe that those words should not be in there, because our country has so many atheists (i am not one, and i do not believe it is a good idea to be one). why would god be with someone who doesn't believe in him? Also, it says "one nation under god." in the pledge. That pretty much implies that god only loves America, and that seems pretty racist to me. And with so many people believing in so many different gods, there are people all over the place going along with what they have been told to say, and that causes the pledge to be pretty pointless. that is my opinion, but other people have different views. But my stand is that "under god" SHOULD NOT be in the pledge of allegiance.

**Matthew Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:20 am [Log in to Reply](#)

i disagree, but i see your point and think your post did its job.

**Matthew Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:15 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I believe that the words, "Under god" should NOT be removed from the pledge of allegiance. America was founded by a group of people whom believed in god, but it was founded on the principal that we have freedom to say and believe anything we want to. The pledge of uses the words under god not to support any religion, but to signify what they are swearing allegiance truthfully and will not fight against our nation, much like swearing in the bible in court. Recently at the U.S. open in Washington D.C., the words under god were not used in the pledge of allegiance. (see <http://dailycaller.com/2011/06/19/nbc-omits-under-god-from-pledge-of-allegiance-during-u-s-open-says-wasnt-intentional/>) This caused an outrage and a new surge of interest in the debate, some of the more recent arguments are that many things we use daily have references to god (the dollar states "in god we trust, but they are not saying that you must believe in god to use these items or even that you have to believe in anything. The term "under god" merely signifies an object to swear on, nearly every culture has a high place for religion "under god" simply means you are swearing allegiance on something you hold dearly. In conclusion, the words under god are not meant to say you need to believe in god, but simply to represent something valuable to many people, valuable enough to swear on.

**Jake Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:29 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think you did a good job with explaining with detail and making a good case for your belief. you are really good at this.

**Joey Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:16 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think that "under god," should still be included in the pledge of allegiance, because the United States has been saying the same pledge for hundreds of years.

Not only that but if we removed it, it would cause a lot of controversy throughout the country

If it was up to me, I would keep it the same because it would make lots of people confused and I would rather just stick to tradition

I also think it would be disrespectful to the original to the original writer Francis Bellamy who I am sure spent a lot of time perfecting the pledge I found I helpful link that I found lots of information about the pledge

<http://oldtimeislands.org/pledge/pledge.htm>

**Cameron Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:23 am [Log in to Reply](#)

agree, changing the pledge is going to ruin the rythme and end up makeing everyone confused. then we will have to replace the pledge.in the long run its just not worth it.

**Eli Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:27 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

The only problem with that is you only care about the rythme. I mean think of religous reasons or think about the people. Im sorry but you should think more broad then the rythme...

**jake Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:29 am [Log in to Reply](#)

i agree with you because if you stick with tradition then your nation will be remembered from that pledge and if we take it out it will be a whole new thing to learn and we will just find are self in a void of contraversy i think you did really well.

**Caroline Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:16 am [Log in to Reply](#)

The pledge-students and teachers have memorized it and say it almost everyday in school, sports events, and sometimes at home. But what do the words really mean? when it sais "one nation under god" it means we are united and we stand together. "under god" they dont mean to offend anyone or their religion. In my opinion i dont think people should protest agenst it because its not really meaning to disrespect anyones religion, it is just trying to tell the public that the government isnt the highest authority figure. But on the outhter hand some extremists are well very extreme in there religion and dont like it at all that the words "under god" are in the pledge. They say that it is a violation in the first ammendment. So i think that the words "under god" are exceptional in the pledge. (im not an extremist)

Here are some links that i found that gave me info on this ^

<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/03/22/us/one-crucial-issue-in-pledge-case-what-does-under-god-mean.html>

<http://restorethepledge.org/>

**Alexa Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:16 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I see how certain students are arguing that the statement "under God" can be offensive to certain religions. But I have to disagree with their statement. Even though the first version of the pledge written by Francis Bellamy didn't include the statement "under God", my opinion is that we should have the option of including this in our pledge. If students or teachers/staff don't believe in God, they have the option to simply not say what they don't believe in. I don't think the statement should be excluded from the pledge because that's like taking away our right of freedom of speech.

**Kaeli Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:31 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I honestly believe and agree to what you are saying. It is indeed like taking away our freedom of speech which we have been granted. If you dont believe in what you are reciting, display your religion in another way if it makes you feel better so it can be more 'even.' I AGREE ALEXA!

**Mary Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:31 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think that arrgument is good but i think that could't you just not say the pledge if you think that this is such a growing problem in America. That is just my opiniion.

**Matthew Said,**

August 21, 2011@ 3:41 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

i think having a choice is a good idea also, but sometimes in a debate it is more harmful to come up with an alternate solution than just join a side, i dont think that was the case here, but keep that in mind

**Cassidy Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:17 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Q: Do you think under god should be in the pledge allegiance?

A: I think that under should be in the pledge of allegiance because at school we are not making people say this you only have to say it if you want to and our teacher's usually say that is you dont want to say under god that you dont have to. I usually say it but sometimes when i feel that it is rude to some people in the room i dont say it.

"In case you didn't know, the founding fathers studied the bible a lot before creating America. I think it is perfectly acceptable to have that in there. Our country was founded on religion. It would be disrespectful to remove it. Disrespectful to the pilgrims, the pioneers, the founding fathers."

This is what somebody has posted on this website of trying to tell people that it is alright to have "under god" in the pledge of allegiance and to read more go to the website :

<http://debates.juggle.com/is-under-god-in-the-american-pledge-of-allegiance-appropriate>

To read to the pledge of Alegiance go to:

<http://www.wvsd.uscourts.gov/outreach/Pledge.htm>

And to read about who created the pledge of Allegiance and history about it go to:

<http://oldtimeislands.org/pledge/pledge.htm>

I think that It would be very disrespectful for people to take that out of the pledge because if you read in the amendments and the bible god had created earth and to take that out of the pledge would be a disrespect to him and to people that do believe him so, why cant we just keep it in there and if you do not want to say the pledge then dont say it!And also if people say the pledge they can be saying it about there own god not about ours so its not so bad if there not thinking about it that way.

**Kayla Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:23 am [Log in to Reply](#)

i agree with you cassidy, if we dont want to say thew phrase "under god" then we dont have to, and if we take that phrase out it would be disrespectful to our founding fathers and to those who believe in god.

**Emma Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:30 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I absolutley agree. You definelty don't have to say under God. I think that it would be more offensive to not have the chance to say under God at all, then to have a choice on whether or not you want to say it. It would be disrespectful to Christians and, like Kayla said, our founding fathers.

**Cameron Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:19 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think that we should keep the same because; it will change the originality of the pledge. They thought about it and the original writer must have a reason why. This could also show disrespect to the people who made it become are pledge or had some sort of a contribution to it. Those who believe there is multiple gods this could be disrespectful but the act of changing it could cause even more of a problem. There are many religions that believe in a single god. I think the majority is a single god and in politics majority rules, in most all situations. There is a large debate about this and I feel it shouldn't be it's a act of disrespect to change it. According to the debate it's a respect problem.

**Auddie Beth Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:19 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think that we should be allowed to say "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance because. Some religons do believe in God and so I think it would be very appropriate to say it. But I also do think that if you strongly dont believe in God you dont have to say it but I am a really strong Christian so I do say it. A pledge is a promise. Allegiance means to be loyal or true."Under God" mean to the people to believe in a supreme being. Well why i strongly believe in saying "Under God" is beacause to me God created this world but maybe you have a different point of view one thing that I dont agree with is that God is not Under but maybe the man in 1954, President Eisenhower signed a law which added the words "under God" But I dont think he really meant God in Under that is my point of view I hope you agree...

Thanks Audrey

**Kayla Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:20 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I believe the words "under god" should be in our pledge, because when we say "one nation, under god" everyday, it is reminding us that we are all one

nation, and when you think of the phrase "under god" that could mean any god for any religion, or if you don't have a religion it could simply mean that we are all one nation under the same sky because, when you think of where gods home is, you think about it being in the sky, but I can also see how saying the words "under god" can be offensive to people who do not have a religious view, because of this I think saying "under god" could be simply a choice that each individual has to make on their own, even though it may seem like saying "under god" in the pledge in the original those words were not added so if we were to take not say those words out it would not be breaking a tradition because originally "under god" was not there The original form of the pledge is "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic, for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

in conclusion, i believe that saying the phrase "under god" should be simply a personal choice.

If you would like to learn more about the history of the pledge check out :

<http://www.ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm>

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**Cassidy Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:24 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I agree with you and i think that it should be a personal choice and that they can say if they want to i have friends to that are different religions and they all said that it does not offend them at all they either think of it as there own god or they think of it as ours and they have there own things in there own countrys.So if we say our pledge i think that we should just be consios of the people around us and if they dont care then we shouldn't.I know that if i was in somebody elses country and they had a pledge about there god i would not care because i know we have one about ours and were not brain washing so neither are we!

**Madelena Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:27 am [Log in to Reply](#)

You make a great point when you say that its a personal choice to say 'Under God'. I think you did a great job, well written. Good Job Kayla

**Auddie Beth Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:22 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Cassidy I strongly agree with you !!!

**Peter Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:22 am [Log in to Reply](#)

This is an interesting topic. Never thought about it before. It is a little weird that they included that in the pledge. I'm surprised I haven't heard anyone complain about it before. I saw something about the history of the pledge from a TV special I saw once, it was originally published in a magazine for kids and years later, the schools started saying it every morning. I think the pledge is a little dated so I think they should get a new one. One without mentioning God. Religions are a sort of a gentle subject in the school system. I don't think they will change it because it's an "American tradition". But they should. Remakes don't always work, but some are even better than the original. I honestly don't see the point of saying the pledge before school. I don't get it. I hoped you enjoyed this post. THE END. For more information on this topic go to

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pledge\\_of\\_Allegiance#History](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pledge_of_Allegiance#History)

**Saxon Said,**August 19, 2011@ 11:22 am [Log in to Reply](#)

In our Pledge of Allegiance the words "under god" shouldn't be changed. I think that the words are okay because they really aren't referring to any type of religion. The Pledge of Allegiance has been around for a long time and really we shouldn't change it now because it isn't even offending anyone's religion. Over seventy seven percent of Americans are Christians which means that they believe in god. The original pledge didn't have the words "under god" but there were actually several alterations made to the pledge throughout the years as you can see on my second link here. The people that were creating the pledge for the U.S might have even put the "on nation under god" part there because of all the people who live in the U.S have religions that do believe there is a god and a heaven above us.

[http://www.ehow.com/info\\_8482997\\_list-common-religions.html](http://www.ehow.com/info_8482997_list-common-religions.html)

<http://www.ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm>

**Madelena Said,**August 19, 2011@ 11:23 am [Log in to Reply](#)

The pledge was first written in August 1892 by Francis Bellamy. He wrote the pledge so that any country would use it but now the pledge is used in schools, military, and other things. I think that the words "Under God" should be on the pledge of Allegiance. These words praise and respect our God for everything that he has done. Those words represent the union of this country under a one ruler or God, it makes us one. The words "Under God" were added to the Pledge of Allegiance in 1954. And before they added the words "Under God" the pledge was modified four times.

The original Pledge is "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."The words "Under God" were added after.

For more information visit these websites, it will give you a lot of information about the pledge and its history.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pledge\\_of\\_Allegiance](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pledge_of_Allegiance)

<http://www.ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm>

**Alyssa Said,**August 19, 2011@ 11:23 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I know that "Under God" wasn't originally in the Pledge of Allegiance, but it was put in for a reason. To me "Under God" means that we are all united. Of course I know that people have different religions and cultures. The pledge between 1924-1954 was "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." "Under God" was added in 1954. But once again it was added for a reason and shouldn't be taken out.

[http://www.religioustolerance.org/nat\\_pled1.htm](http://www.religioustolerance.org/nat_pled1.htm)

[http://www.homeofheroes.com/hallofheroes/1st\\_floor/flag/1bfc\\_pledge.html](http://www.homeofheroes.com/hallofheroes/1st_floor/flag/1bfc_pledge.html)

<http://undergod.procon.org/>

**jake Said,**August 19, 2011@ 11:24 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I think that the pledge is not a religious view towards America but a promise to America and it says "one nation under god". What I think its saying is that we're all one nation under something bigger than us something greater than us. I also think that religion has grown more and that Christianity has become more known and if they change it then it's a whole new thing we have to learn and I don't think anyone really cares if it says it and if they mind then they don't have to say under god if they don't want to. It to me

means we all are one and there is something bigger and better than all and that's are nation. So I think we should keep it the same and just stick with it until there is a real problem but there doesn't need to be controversy over it.

**Becca Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:24 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I believe that the words "Under God" mean many things such as religion. I do believe that we should keep the saying "Under God" in the pledge. The reason behind that is to some people saying the word "God" means so much more than just a word. On the other hand "God" to some people is just a plain old word and nothing to care about. There are many people who believe that we should get rid of the "Under God" part of the pledge. We are able to say other words that are very dishonorable but yet we can't say "God" in the pledge. I think that saying "God" mean much more than just a word. I am not saying people who say dishonorable things are bad people. We should keep the under god in the pelage for 3 reasons

1. We should keep the pelage because, if we were to get rid of the "Under God" that would show the government is showing favoritism towards people who think we should get rid of it
2. I think people should just suck it up and deal with it
3. On the money it says in god we trust so we would have to redo all the money too just because of a few words

Here are some good websites to go too if you want to hear what other people think about this same subject.....

1. <http://us.toluna.com/opinions/921562/How-feel-about-s-Under-omittance-they-have.htm>
2. [http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/blog/entry/1362/advanced\\_search.html](http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/blog/entry/1362/advanced_search.html)
3. <http://www.delusionresistance.org/christian/pledge.html>
4. <http://www.delusionresistance.org/christian/pledge.html>

There is one link that is wiki and I don't know if I trust that completely but you can give it a try

**Nicole Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:25 am [Log in to Reply](#)

i believe in saying "under god" in the pledge of allegiance does not automatically inforce that we are talking about one specific power or religions. While the majority of our country has a belief in some religious being, we are all looking up to one supreme being, whether you are catholic, christian, mormon, etc.

In the pledge of allegiance we say the words "and to the republic" meaning that we are a public where we have a higher status being create laws for us, the president. In some ways the fight about whether we should say "under god" in the pledge is like the presidential debate. There are two sides to the situation. Republican to Democrat; whether we should be able to say "under god" or not. In the end we pick someone/something we believe will do us good.

The words "under god" were not originally a part of the pldge of alligiance. In 1954 the knights of columbus added the words "under god" to make the pledge both an oath and a public prayer. The knights of Columbus was a Catholic based group. I could see how both sides would fight about what the words to the pledge should be, the words have changed frequently so i would find it okay to change them, if people would feel better about how our country feels about their religions and personal beliefs.

I do not have have a side i would agree with more. Both sides have valid reasons for their "fight" and both are to be respected and considered.

To find out more about the meanings of each line of the pledge of alligiance, go to:

<http://www.wvsd.uscourts.gov/outreach/Pledge.htm>

If your more intrested in the changing of the peldge and its originations, go to:

<http://oldtimeislands.org/pledge/pledge.htm>

**Joey Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:25 am [Log in to Reply](#)

nice Cameron !

**Emma Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:26 am [Log in to Reply](#)

People say that the words "Under God" are a violation of their religious rights. They say that it is the same as saying "Under no God" or "Under Allah". They say that reciting the pledge in public schools targets children and forces them to believe something "monotheistic". However people are implying that this means only one God. Every religion has a God. It doesn't mention specific names like Allah or other things like that. It just says "Under God". Why are we angry about saying Under God in the pledge alone when it is said many times in other places. In court, you put your hand on a bible and promise to be honest or "so help me God". "In God we trust" is on our currency. If you think saying "Under God" violates your Religious rights what about the other references to God? I believe that the words "Under God are perfectly appropriate in our pledge. Personally, I am very inspired by them.

**Natasha Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:31 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Emma, I really like how you included other references to how we use God in other places, like currency, or in court. That really helped me get a deeper look into whether it should be an issue or not. It really makes you re-think your decision and think, "Oh, I forgot about that. That's true...". I agree with what you said about everything, thank you for applying different outlooks on it, that I wouldn't have seen.

**Jenna Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:27 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Emma I agree with you. All religions have a God, but not all of the religions Gods are used in the pledge. If they are going to use one God in the pledge, they should use all of the religions Gods in the pledge.

**Mary Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:26 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I find that "under God" is perfectly fine. It doesn't matter what religion you are you are going to have a God, or gods of some sort. So when you are referring to "God" it isn't just referring to Christians or Jews. For example you could be a Muslim, but you still have a God you just call "it" by a different name. You see I think when Francis Bellamy ( the gut who wrote the pledge) was writing the pledge he was referring a name that everyone in America would understand and reconize. Also why is no one making a big deal about the "In God we trust" on the American dollar bill.

<http://www.qsl.net/w5www/dollarbill.jpg>

[http://3.bp.blogspot.com/\\_mTNA5JZoFn8/Tby6\\_J\\_iR-I/AAAAAAAAAeU/kEptpqNg92A/s1600/InGodWeTrust.jpg](http://3.bp.blogspot.com/_mTNA5JZoFn8/Tby6_J_iR-I/AAAAAAAAAeU/kEptpqNg92A/s1600/InGodWeTrust.jpg)

Another thing people aren't raving about is the line in the star spangled banner: And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."

You see if you are really against using "under God" why dont you target all things referring to "God" in American culture.

I find if your okay with using money everyday, and singing the national anthem then you should be okay with "under God" in the pledge.

**Jake Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:27 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I have mixed emotions about whether the words "under god" should be in the pledge of allegiance. If people don't agree with it or feel disrespected they can always choose not to say them. It looks like people feel a lot of different ways about this topic and most of them are just a yes or no so if I had to say yes or no I would probably say no the words "under god" should not be in the pledge of allegiance because not everyone in the united states of America believes in a god so why should they have to say a pledge for or about a god. The pledge of allegiance is seen by a lot of people as a sort of oath to god and many children in schools in America say the pledge every morning and don't really think about what they are saying. It is a tough topic to decide but I think if I could say yes or no I would say no.

<http://undergod.procon.org/view.answers.php?questionID=001330>

**Natasha Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:27 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Saying the words 'Under God' in our Pledge of Allegiance, many kids and American citizens alike could feel comfortable or uncomfortable on the saying. There are many debates on whether we should be able to say the Pledge in schools because of the 'God' reference. The Pledge was written in the year of 1892, and has been our Pledge of Allegiance in schools 'throughout the mid-twentieth century.' Taking it out of tradition at schools, I think, would go against what has been our tradition in our country for quite a while. Quoting President Barack Obama, "It is doubtful that children reciting the Pledge of Allegiance feel oppressed or brainwashed as a consequence of muttering the phrase 'under God.' I didn't." I agree with what President Obama says when he states "muttering the phrase" because being a kid myself, I can understand how sometimes we don't say the Pledge with focus or enthusiasm. For more quotes and opinions, check out this website: <http://undergod.procon.org/view.answers.php?questionID=001330>. The original Pledge of Allegiance did not include the words 'Under God'. The Congress added the words in 1954, which actually went against part of the First Amendment. Look below at the link for some more information: <http://restorethepledge.org/>. Here's a link for more information about the original Pledge of Allegiance: <http://www.ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm>. I personally don't have a problem with the words, but I think that it'd be disrespectful to take the words out of the Pledge. Understanding that it may go against religious views, I find it reasonable if you were to just politely stand while the Pledge was being recited, but taking it out of the Pledge wouldn't be right. Thank you.

**Kelsey Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:33 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Natasha, I like how you gave many quotes and web sites. I also liked how you gave your personal opinions. I do think you should have maybe gone into more about the origins of the pledge, but overall great job.

**Kaeli Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:28 am [Log in to Reply](#)

The Pledge of allegiance

The pledge of allegiance my friends can be very religious but personally I don't think it violates religions the way a lot of people are thinking. I don't think the government is trying to force upon all the children/students of America one religion, or only a specific group. I believe the Pledge of allegiance is a poem. I believe our pledge is a poetic, strong, and uplifting

pledge for all the citizens of our beloved country. The phrase, "One nation under God," should not always be taken directly word for word. Yes, I do believe this nation is under God but for those of us who do not believe it – or even those who do it could mean something else, there could be an inspiring deep meaning behind those words. It could indeed humble our often times prideful United States. If you look back into our history prideful kings and people can lead to the down fall of even the greatest civilizations. This pledge does not only keep us all connected but in several ways can save our country.

Also I would like to also inform all of you that, "In fact, today only half of our fifty states have laws that encourage the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in the classrooms!" (I found this fact on,

<http://www.usflag.org/pledgeofallegiance.html>) So not even all people are 'forced' to recite the pledge, it is ENCOURAGED. People still have the right not to say it. I encourage those of you who do not think this is fair and are more drawn to the other side of this debate to look at all the words of the pledge. Should we forget all the rest of this beautiful poetry just because of four words? If people have a problem with those words because of their religion, culture, ect. They should be quiet or skip that part of our pledge. By saying this many people may think I am not being fair but some way we have to find a compromise because erasing it would not be fair to the others.

I say, either ignore those words and skip them for those who are offended or open your mind to a different perspective, such as a poetic one. Thank you.

**Matthew Said,**

August 21, 2011@ 3:44 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

i think you have a very strong and convincing argument, not only did you explain your opinion, you educated me on why it was your opinion. A very good piece indeed

**Kelsey Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:28 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Personally, I believe that the words "under god" in our constitution are a violation to freedom of speech. As the American Humanist Society declared, "The practice of reciting the Pledge in public schools specifically targets children, inculcating them with a monotheistic message not held by millions of Americans." I agree completely. When millions of Americans don't believe in a religion with Monotheism, I believe it shouldn't be required to say "under god" if they don't find this to be true. Not only does it make it awkward in class to say these words, if you don't agree with their meaning, but it means that this is how everyone is expected to think. Therefore, I think that this is a complete violation of freedom of speech. When Francis Bellamy originally wrote the Pledge of Allegiance there was no mention of "Under God." This was a recent addition in 1954. I'm sure Frank Bellamy, who wrote the Pledge of Allegiance in 1892 wouldn't have wanted his wise words changed, because of something some people don't even believe or agree with. How can our nation claim to have complete freedom if everyone must say something like "Under God" on a daily basis? If every day we say a pledge to this great nation, there must be something special about it that makes it so great. My opinion is all of the freedom's we have. To me, having the words "Under God" eliminates your freedom of speech.

**Shelby Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:31 am [Log in to Reply](#)

What I think we, as a nation, should keep 'Uner God' in our pledge because most of our religions in the United States only has one God.

The American Humanist Association, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting humanism, made the following comments in a Sep. 14, 2005 press release:

What they said was that when we say the pledge it specifically targets children who are wanting to not be held by millions of Americans.

"This is not a passive reading of a historic document but an active swearing of a loyalty oath to one's country and, since 1954, an avowal that our nation exists 'under God,' which is tantamount to prayer."

The original people who came here believed in just one god. Then the other religions came during when we put the words 'Under God' in it. So what i think we should do is leave it where it is at and if you dont agree with it, then dont say it. if that doesnt work then I dont know what to do.

<http://www.ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm>

**Jacob Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:24 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

I agree with you that most of the religions believe in just one god but the Muslims don't say god but they call him Allah.

**Tyson Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:31 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I don't think it really matters if it says "under god" because god created all of us he created who found America. The first pledge of allegiance was made in 1892 and when it was made it did not have "under god" in it was added in by presidents who came and went. The pledge was made by a one Francis Bellamy. When I think about it everybody will see god one day in afterlife so when we pass on were under god cause were on his playground now. It's hard to decide if under god should be in the pledge of allegiance should have "under god" in it

**Lane Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:29 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Well if it really doesn't matter I think that people wouldn't go through all this trouble change the pledge

**Becca Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:31 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Emma i agree completely agree with you on how all religions have some kind of god. That we are saying not one god but all all gods. people are just think we are saying only one god.when we really mean all gods we really mean all not just one.

**Julia Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:31 am [Log in to Reply](#)

Should the words "under god" be included in our pledge of allegiance? I personally think that for people who don't have a belief in god or worship a whole other religion may be offended and may think that Americans only revolve around one religion. And they may think that the pledge is being hypocritical because at the end it states that there is liberty and justice for all, which if they believe the nation only worships one religion then they'll say that there really is no liberty or justice for all. In a way I think it would also be kind of pointless to change it because, if you don't agree with what the pledge is stating then you can just not say the pledge. We have had the same pledge for over 100 years, and we don't want to disrespect our history.

<http://nakedhistory.blogspot.com/2011/07/pledge-of-allegiance->

**Hannah Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 11:32 am [Log in to Reply](#)

I believe that the words "under God" should stay included in the Pledge of Allegiance for multiple reasons.

The first reason is that society in America respects any religion that people follow and that "God" could stand for any gods that people believe in.

Another reason is that President Eisenhower added the words "under God" and that is one of the only things that we can remember from one of our former presidents.

In one website, I learned that when you are saying the pledge of Allegiance you should take off any non-religious head ware with your hand over your heart when you're not wearing a uniform. When wearing a uniform, you should be saluting in silence. There for "under God" is meant for other religions other than Christian if some people are wearing religious head wear.

For more information on this web site, go to:

<http://www.ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm>

The words "under God" should stay in the Pledge of Allegiance because it isn't there for religious views.

**Dane Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:11 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

I do think "Under God" should be in the pledge because this is a god believing region and if you believe in something other than god than that is what you believe in but you can't change the fact that America is mostly god believers.

**Cole Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:26 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Even though that is true to some extent not everyone believes in god. America should not force people to say they believe in god when they don't.

**Daniel Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:16 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

The words " Under GOD" should be in the Pledge of Alligiance. For example if you go to a different country that worships a different god you, as a good guest, should follow their beliefs'.

**Dane Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:19 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

I agree with you Hannah because god could mean many diffrent gods.So if you were afended by it saying under god,you should know that america is a all around country.

**Jacob Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:19 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

I don't think that the words under god should be in the pledge of allegiance. It violates our rights as Americans to have free religion and all that are not Christian it probably offends them. The government should not have "in god we trust" on every piece of money that we have it is unconstitutional. The words under god are from the campaign that the knights of Columbus organized it was supposed to be a patriotic oath and a public prayer. So that basically says that it is a Christian theme.

<http://oldtimeislands.org/pledge/pledge.htm>

**Jake Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:30 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

Jacob,  
I totally agree with you. it violates our first Amendment.

**Brandon Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 1:48 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

god sent his son to die for our sins

**Elena Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 1:53 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

jacob,  
i dont belive this at all, why dont you just not say god when you say the pledge. Instead of taking it away from everyone else

**Cole Said,**

August 19, 2011@ 12:20 pm [Log in to Reply](#)

I don't think that the words "under god" should be included in the Pledge of Allegiance. First of all it's unconstitutional it implies (in my mind) that everyone has to believe in god and heaven. Also originally the pledge said "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." But America changed it in 1954 to include the words "under god"