

I-1058 will require schools to teach and test on the relationship of the Declaration of Independence to the Constitutions of the United States and Washington State and to display these documents on school property.

Question	Answer
What is the source of human rights and what is the purpose of government?	The Declaration of Independence and the Washington State Constitutions make it clear that “our rights are free gifts from the Creator/Supreme Ruler of the Universe” and that the purpose of government is to “secure these rights with the consent of the governed.” Unfortunately very few citizens have been exposed to this truth.
Did the founding fathers emphasize the duties of citizenship?	<p>Benjamin Franklin – “Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more masters (jailers)”</p> <p>John Adams – “Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”</p> <p>George Washington – “It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty god, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor...”</p>
Isn't there a “wall of separation between Church and State?”	<p>“Religion” and “God” are two separate subjects. Religion is a formula (used by Churches) for paying devotion to God. The Constitutions protect us from government regulation of religion, but the Declaration of Independence and the Washington state constitution make it clear that our rights come from God and the purpose of government is to protect those rights. That’s why the USA is “One nation under God, Indivisible with Liberty and Justice for All.”</p> <p>It’s the social duty of each citizen to choose how (or if) he/she will pay devotion to God. Thomas Jefferson emphasized man’s social duty when he wrote: “<i>(man) has no natural right in opposition to his social duties.</i>” (See letter to Danbury Baptist Assn. where Jefferson used the term “wall of separation between Church and State.)</p>
So what does this initiative do?	<p>The constitutions define the limited power of government and enumerate the rights of the people. Instruction and <u>testing</u> will be required on the heritage and meaning of statements made in the Declaration of Independence, the USA Constitution, and the Washington State Constitution.</p> <p>The current WASL tests have no questions on civics, government, founding fathers, or history of the American Revolution. America is founded upon an idea, which we must teach our children or America will not long endure. We MUST pass this initiative.</p>
Should I-1058 include both public and private schools?	<p>Yes, because the state sets graduation requirements and Article IX, section 1 of the Washington state Constitution states: “<i>It is the paramount duty of the state to make ample provisions for the education of <u>ALL</u> children residing within its borders, ...</i>”</p> <p>I-1058 would be ruled “unconstitutional” if it applied just to public schools.</p>
What is the cost of this educational neglect on our society?	<p>Our legal/prison system is failing partly because our schools are not teaching the moral basis for our laws.</p> <p>Washington State has 450,000 and Benton county has 5,500 arrest warrants.</p> <p>Many elected leaders are ignoring the will of the people. They have promised to uphold and defend the constitutions, but have never read them nor do they have copies of them. Many leaders have become “laws unto themselves.” We the People, take tax dollars from them and they find another way to impose the tax or to use the courts to deny the will of the people. Clearly this is a time for people to exert “Eternal vigilance to protect our liberty and freedom. Education is the way out of this mess.</p>

“Eternal vigilance by the people is the price of liberty, and . . . you must pay the price if you wish to secure the blessing.” President Andrew Jackson