

ISSUE SUMMARY: An important part of Hillsdale College's mission is to educate a new generation of leaders for America who understand and appreciate America's Constitution, its founding documents, and the principles of liberty that made America great.

QUESTION 7

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this goal of Hillsdale College?

- Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree
 Strongly Disagree Not Sure

America's founding document [Art I, Sec 2, Cls 1] enabled individual state legislatures, most of which were dominated by misogynists and racists, to deny voting rights to women and non-white men. To educate a new generation of leaders who concur with this attitude would be disastrous.

MARY: Hillsdale's mission statement emphasizes "improving the hearts" as well as "training the minds" of its students. The College believes that morality and character are important to instill in our next generation of leaders.

QUESTION 8

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this belief of Hillsdale College?

- Strongly Agree Somewhat Agree Somewhat Disagree
 Strongly Disagree Not Sure

To improve hearts and institute morality, it will be necessary to disavow several portions of America's founding documents.

ISSUE SUMMARY: Most of the top colleges in America have stopped requiring students to read the great works of Western Civilization — including Aristotle, Shakespeare, and John Locke — and the Bible in favor of giving equal or even greater weight to the study of non-Western cultures.

QUESTION 9

The Bible consists 80% of the history and cultural depiction of an Asian tribe that began more than 3000 years ago, which was largely dispersed, we know not where, more than 2500 years ago (the ten lost tribes of Israel). What does this have to do with western civilization?

- This trend in education has done more harm than good.

As for John Locke, I would expect Hillsdale College to ignore him. His philosophy disavows any divine aspect of knowledge, or any reasoning in isolation from sensory empirical evidence. I agree that derogation of Locke's empiricism by biblical literalists has done much harm to American education.

Other _____

QUESTION 10

At about what education level do you think students should first read the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution?

- Elementary school High school College Graduate school

It is inappropriate for high school children to be exposed to Jefferson's idea about "...merciless Indian savages...whose known rule of warfare...destruction of all ages, sexes...". Discussion of such racist writing should be postponed until post-adolescence.

QUESTION 11

Some critics of Hillsdale College on the Left say Hillsdale's unapologetic commitment to teaching and defending Western Civilization and America's heritage of liberty (made possible by the United States Constitution) hurts Hillsdale's reputation as a world-class academic institution. Do you agree or disagree with this assessment of Hillsdale?

- I Agree I Disagree Undecided

QUESTION 12

Understanding Hillsdale's unapologetic commitment to: a) The Haymarket Square trials and executions; b) The Sacco and Vanzetti trial and executions; c) The Scopes "Monkey" trial and conviction; d) The denial (2005) of a court hearing of Viet Nam citizens' petition for compensation for chemical-weapon damage, and the Appeals Court's upholding (2007) of the denial, and the Supreme Court's refusal (2009) to hear the case, all of which actions have been enabled by the U.S. Constitution's judicial arrangements, certainly hurts Hillsdale's reputation among those who "hunger and thirst for justice's sake" [Matthew 5:6].

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