



# RESOLUTION

## Opposing Weaponization of the Federal Government

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- WHEREAS** Since its founding, NRB has devoted itself to protecting First Amendment guarantees of speech, religion, and press, and to monitoring and opposing threats to religious free speech and free exercise;
- WHEREAS** The weaponization of the federal government is a tool aimed at depriving individuals of the ability to speak, gather, or do business because of their religious beliefs or the incompatibility of their beliefs with prevailing cultural trends;
- WHEREAS** Collusion between the federal government and social media platforms has been documented as significantly limiting the voices of Christian communicators and hindering their ability to reach their audiences, raise support, and conduct business;
- WHEREAS** Lawmakers have attempted to use their authority to pressure tech companies into silencing and suppressing Christian communicators or taking actions to limit the reach and effectiveness of pro-life ministries;
- WHEREAS** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has historically harassed and systematically targeted religious nonprofits, subjecting them to undue scrutiny and jeopardizing their tax-exempt status;
- WHEREAS** Taxpayer dollars have been used to help fund media tracking groups that have disproportionately targeted and sought to defund right-of-center viewpoints;
- WHEREAS** State-sanctioned censorship of a religious viewpoint is in direct conflict with First Amendment guarantees, and brings immeasurable damage to the free exercise of these liberties;
- THEREFORE  
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RESOLVED** NRB opposes all weaponization of the federal government to strike down and silence Christian viewpoints, maintaining that civil rights liability for constitutional violations should be strictly enforced against any federal government agency and any private entity with whom they have collaborated to deny free speech and equal protection.

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