Should Students Recite the Pledge of Allegiance in School?

“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.” In many schools across the nation, you will hear students pledging allegiance to their country each morning. However, there are many who oppose this tradition. Pledging allegiance to our nation has brought about much conflict in the past several years. There has also been much debate as to whether or not students should be required to say the pledge in school. The United States of America was founded upon liberty, freedom, and individual rights, therefore students should recite the Pledge of Allegiance to show support for their country.

Many people misunderstand the purpose of the pledge, however reciting the pledge encourages respect for our nation. We are blessed to live in a country which gives many freedoms. Paying respect gives students a daily appreciation of what our country is about. A comment made in the Tween Tribune states, “I think any kids should be doing that in this country,” he said. I think it gives them a daily appreciation of what this country is about. There is no reason whatsoever that...kids can’t say the Pledge of Allegiance every day.” Another reason students should recite the pledge is they need to understand the basic principles put forth by our founding fathers. Every individual living in America should have clear understanding of the purpose of saying the pledge. Students need to fully comprehend the sacrifices made for their liberties. In the article, “Should Children Recite the Pledge of Allegiance?” by Steve Straub, a supporter of reciting the pledge states, “The Pledge of Allegiance is an agreement that they believe in what America is. It’s a Republic. A Republic isn’t the Government. It is the Constitution and the principles of the founding fathers put forth. The Pledge by children is that they know what our country is about. If there is no teaching to the principles we hold dear, how long before we are a Nation divided? How long before tyranny takes over? How long before the institutions created to administer our Republic become dishonest? Oh, here we are! Yes, ALL children attending public schools need to be exposed to the Pledge of Allegiance.” This quote reaffirms the need for students to say the pledge in school each day. Additionally, people need to realize pledging allegiance to the flag is not considered pledging to the president or government. It is okay to dislike our government representatives, because when we pledge allegiance to the flag, we are
not pledging allegiance to our government. When individuals pledge their allegiance to the flag, they are really pledging their loyalty to America and its Constitution. Another opinion from the text, “Should Students Recite the Pledge of Allegiance,” states, “I do not pledge allegiance to any President, government official, or government entity. I pledge my allegiance to the Republic and the preservation of the Constitutional principles it was founded upon. That is what the pledge of allegiance is all about; not a government or President such as the current one that places the Constitution in the same regards as toilet paper. If you truly understand freedom and liberty, and enjoy those freedoms and liberties, then there should be no problem pledging allegiance to the Republic that was Constitutionally designed to individually protect you and me from a runaway government like we have today.”

There are many schools and parents who do not believe students should recite the pledge. However, it is necessary for students to recite the pledge each morning so as to always be brought to a remembrance of the freedoms and rights given them in this great nation.