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Hi Christie,

I'd like to take the time to discuss form 990 briefly - and it's peculiar favoritism towards religious institutions -vs- secular ones at the moment.

The USA has 30% non-religious people now, with nearly 8-10% who are simply atheist towards all gods, not just the one most popular here. This is almost equivalent to the entire black population in the USA, and more than it's entire Asian population. Allowing churches based on a 'faithful' agenda alone is a bias against these many fellow citizens at the very least who spend more time focusing on worldly non-profits. Bill and Melinda Gates is but one small, but large example.

Further, accountability and transparency are things that keep businesses, governments, and people in check. We all know good and bad religious and non-religious people and organizations. People are people whatever their faith or non-faith. However, by not making people accountable, there are always going to be numbers of bad apples that abuse this. You can never say a religious person is more moral than a non-religious one. Even if someone appallingly said this, what would keep an immoral fake-religious person from using a Church exemption to take advantage of the current system?

In either case, it allows for loop-holes for any persons with bad intent.

I, and everyone I know, wish for equal treatment, faithful or faithless. People run organizations and it extends to those as well. The fact that churches do not have to conform to the same IRS requirements as other 501(c)(3) groups yet is clearly bias and discrimination against millions of good hard-working non-faithful, it also allows for others to take advantage of.

If they are doing good work, then let them prove it like everyone else must, or make the exemption extend to all. There are preachers buying personal jet-liners, and maybe they acquired it by abiding by the law, maybe not, but without accountability we will never know.

In either case, a fair and unbiased approach to all citizens and organizations and eliminating safe-havens for con artists is partially what America is about, and helps keep a stable society.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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