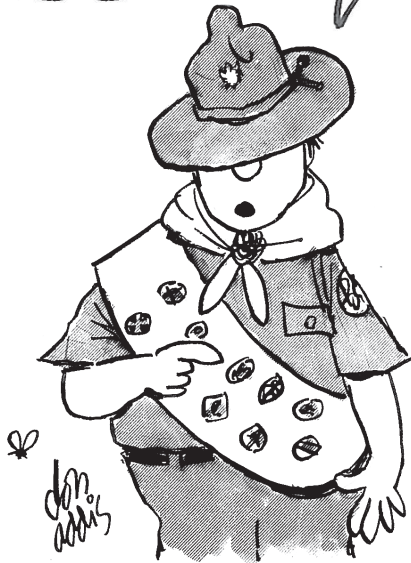


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WHY is it socially acceptable to discriminate against atheists?

We congratulate the Boy Scouts of America for lifting its longstanding, hurtful ban against gay membership. But why hasn't BSA stopped excluding nonreligious boys, too?

BSA advertises, "Any boy may join," yet explicitly bans atheists, nonbelievers and youngsters from nonreligious homes. BSA proudly excludes and stigmatizes the one in three young persons today who now identifies as nonreligious (Pew Survey, Oct. 9, 2012).

BSA's membership form contains a religious litmus test that defames freethinkers: "The Boy Scouts of America maintain that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing his obligation to God."

No one can grow into the best kind of citizen who discriminates against the nonreligious. It's what you do — not what you believe — that makes you a good person and a good citizen. BSA's vaunted "duty to God" has led it to cruelly place dogma over its duty to children.

The intellectual rejection of claims for which there is no evidence is not only respectable, but vital to progress. What should not be respectable is treating any American, whether young or old, as a second-class citizen.

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