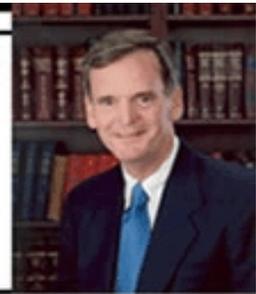


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GREGG INTRODUCES BILL TO STRENGTHEN HISTORY & CIVICS IN OUR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions introduced legislation today to promote the teaching and study of traditional American history and government, along with the history of Western civilization, at the graduate and undergraduate level. The "Higher Education Freedom Act" would create a competitive grant program making funds available to institutions of higher education and associated nonprofit foundations that are involved in the teaching of history.

"College students' lack of historical literacy is quite startling, and too few of today's colleges and universities are focused on the task of imparting this crucial knowledge to the next generation. Today, more than ever, we must focus on preserving our nation's history and ensuring that future generations of Americans understand the importance of the principles of free government on which this nation was founded. The bill I am introducing today will give teachers and institutions that have the task of passing on our history to the next generation another tool for this important task," said Senator Gregg.

Recent studies have shown there is a growing problem of historical illiteracy on our nation's campuses. One survey uncovered student's inability to recognize simple facts from watershed events such as the Gettysburg Address and the writing of the U.S. Constitution. As Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "If a nation expects to be ignorant - and free- in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

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