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1. Issued a mandate under Obamacare requiring religious organizations to provide abortion-inducing drugs, sterilizations, and contraceptives free of charge to their employees, in direct violations to the organization’s beliefs. After a public outcry, the administration announced an “accommodation” that requires insurance companies to pay for these services, even though the organizations are still paying the insurance premiums that will ultimately pay for the “free drugs.”

2. Overturned Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) protections for health care workers, which protected them from being forced to participate in abortions and other activities that would violate their sincerely-held religious beliefs.

3. Pledged to sign the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) into law – interfering with the right for religious employers to choose their employees.

4. Appointed radical homosexual activist Chai Feldblum to commissioner on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Feldblum is on record saying: “…we should…not tolerate private beliefs about sexual orientation and gender…Protecting one group’s identity may, at time, require that we burden others' belief liberty … it is essential that we not privilege moral beliefs that are religiously based over other sincerely held, core, moral beliefs.”

5. Announced that the Attorney General will no longer defend the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), signed into law by President Clinton in 1996.

6. Signed the so-called “Hate Crimes” law, which has been a precursor to the silencing of religiously-based speech regarding sexual behavior.

7. Advocated for and repealed the military “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy with no religious liberty exceptions, resulting in serious religious liberty implications for military chaplains and all service members of faith.

8. Modified Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines – forcing landlords to violate their conscience.

9. Removed “religious public service” as the only public service that will not be counted as payment towards student loans.

10. Revoked a grant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops which had used the funds over a ten-year-period to effectively combat human sex trafficking because of the bishops’ objections to abortion.

11. Repealed President Ronald Reagan’s “Mexico City Policy,” which denied federal funding to organizations that perform abortions overseas.

12. Argued in Hosanna-Tabor v. EEOC that the government could interfere in the internal faith and mission of religious organizations and churches. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 9-0 against this attempt to attack religious freedom.

13. Changed “freedom of religion” to “freedom to worship,” a lexicon shift that could limit religious freedom outside the four walls of the church.

14. Ordered the removal of a monogram symbolizing Jesus before speaking at Georgetown University.

15. Refused to host the National Day of Prayer at the White House.

16. Nominated three pro-abortion ambassadors to the Vatican, which rejected all three.

17. Omitted, on at least seven occasions, the mention of the Creator in the Declaration of Independence.

18. Misquoted the national motto “In God We Trust,” saying it was “E pluribus unum.”

19. Neglected to fill the position of religious freedom ambassador for almost two years. Finally relented after public and congressional pressure.

20. Opposed inclusion of President Franklin Roosevelt’s “D-Day Prayer” as part of the World War II Memorial, saying it would “dilute” the memorial.

21. Declined to make any religious references in his annual Thanksgiving speech.

22. Promoted the demands of the homosexual agenda over the religious beliefs of other nations, calling those beliefs an “obstacle” to homosexual “rights.”

23. Ignored a U.S. Supreme Court decision ordering that the Mojave World War I Memorial cross be re-erected.
OTHER ATTACKS DURING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

1. The Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office removed “God” from their patch after pressure from the Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers.  
2. Walter Reed National Military Medical Center prohibited the use of religious items during visits. Officials reversed the policy after meeting with members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus.
3. The Air Force Academy rescinded support for Operation Christmas Child, a Christian charity that sends gifts to impoverished children around the world, saying only Christian cadets could know about their program and their opportunity to participate.
4. The Air Force Chief of Staff ordered commanders to no longer notify Airmen of Chaplain Corps programs.
5. The Air Force stopped an ethics briefing that including Biblical and religious references – a briefing that had been used for more than 20 years – after complaints from the Military Religious Freedom Foundation.
6. The Department of Veterans Affairs halted the mention of God at flag folding ceremonies at veterans’ funerals. The department backed off after complaints.