

## **Twenty Things you NEED TO KNOW about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child**

### **TEN THINGS to know about the *STRUCTURE* of the CRC:**

1. It is a treaty which creates **binding rules of law**. It is no mere statement of altruism.
2. Its effect would be binding on **American families**, courts, and policy-makers.
3. Children of other nations would **not be impacted** or helped in any direct way by our ratification.
4. The CRC would automatically **override almost** all American laws on children and families because of the U.S. **Constitution's Supremacy Clause** in Article VI.
5. The CRC has some elements that are **self-executing**, others would require implementing legislation. **Federal courts** would have the power to determine which provisions were self-executing.
6. The courts would have the **power to directly enforce** the provisions that are self-executing.
7. Congress would have the **power to directly legislate** on all subjects necessary to comply with the treaty. **This would be the most massive shift of power from the states to the federal government in American history.**
8. A committee of 18 experts from **other nations** sitting in Geneva has the authority to issue **official interpretations of the treaty** which are entitled to binding weight in American courts and legislatures. This effectively transfers ultimate policy authority for all **policies in this area** to this foreign committee.
9. Under international law, the **treaty overrides** even our Constitution.
10. Reservations, declarations, or **understandings** intended to modify our duty to comply with this treaty will be **void if they are determined to be inconsistent** with the object and purpose of the **treaty**.

## TEN THINGS to know about the **SUBSTANCE** of the CRC:

1. Parents would no longer be able to administer reasonable spankings to their children.
2. A murderer aged 17 years and 11 months and 29 days at the time of his crime could no longer be sentenced to life in prison.
3. Children would have the ability to choose their own religion while parents would only have the authority to give their children advice about religion.
4. The best interest of the child principle would give the government the ability to override every decision made by every parent if a government worker disagreed with the parent's decision.
5. A child's "right to be heard" would allow them to seek governmental review of every parental decision with which the child disagreed.
6. This treaty has been interpreted to make it illegal for a nation to spend more on national defense than it does on children's welfare.
7. Children would acquire a legally enforceable right to leisure.
8. Christian schools that refuse to teach "alternative worldviews" and teach that Christianity is the only true religion "fly in the face of article 29" of the treaty.
9. Allowing parents to opt their children out of sex education has been held to be out of compliance with the CRC.
10. Children would have the right to reproductive health information and services without parental knowledge or consent.

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