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According to the Dr Pepper website `MyTextSanitizer::truncate('www.pepsi.com')`, a special patriotic edition Dr Pepper can. A statement by Dr Pepper/Sevens "...show support for the patriotic fervor that has been sweeping America Sept. 11, 2001, and to show the world that we are a united nation of people upon freedom."

One side of the can includes the Statue of Liberty and on the other side the Pledge of Allegiance, not the entire 31 word Pledge. The words on the can are "One nation...indivisible." In the actual Pledge, that phrase is "One nation under God, indivisible."

Critics say that omitting the reference to God is an act of political correctness and that those who believe in God should complain about it. The Dr Pepper/Sevens purpose was to reflect the unity of the country, not to make an anti-religious statement. The word "God" percent of the rest of the Pledge did not appear either.

Most of the questions to TruthOrFiction.com have been from people who have had been quoted on the can but with the words "under God" left out. The eRumor that claims that.

The protest arose when a 12-year-old girl wrote a letter to the American Family Foundation in Mississippi to complain about the partial quote from the Pledge of Allegiance. She requested enough room to include the phrase "under God" and the American Family Foundation responded that it was more a matter of choice to avoid reference to God rather than to include it.

Forty-one million of the cans have been distributed in more than a dozen states and the can was discontinued as of February.

There is a virtually identical version of the eRumor that says it was Pepsi's patriotic can. That one is false.

A real example of the story as it has been circulated:

As you may or may not have heard, Dr Pepper is coming out with a new patriotic set of soda cans.

The problem is that one of the cans will have the Statue of Liberty on one side and the

side and the

Pledge of Allegiance on the other. Why is this a problem? Dr Pepper

has

taken upon themselves

to remove "Under God". The can will read "One Nation, ... , Indivisible,  
with Liberty and Justice for All".

This has got to stop. When a handful of people wanted to stop prayer in  
school, I did nothing. I wasn't  
in school any longer so it didn't seem to bother me. I know this may  
sound hypocritical for me to now  
want to be involved, and I really can't explain why this seems to tear  
at

my heart, but it does. I have  
children now and maybe that's the reason. For all of you with children  
in

school, or grandchildren or nieces  
or nephews, this has touched you more than me. I see the world in the  
shape that it is in today and  
worry about the shape that it will be in when my children are older and  
attend grammer, middle and  
high school. What part will God play in the future? Will he even have  
a  
part?

This action from the Dr Pepper corporate office is no more than an  
attack

on Believers. This does not  
target any specific denomination. This does not target christians.  
This

is a slap in the face of both Believers  
in the One True God and Americans in general. My father fought in a war  
for his country. The Pledge of Allegiance is  
a symbol of what they were fighting for, just as the flag that waves  
today. The audicity of any single organization  
to take it upon themselves to change such an institution as the Pledge  
of  
Allegiance is more than I can stand.