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According to the Dr Pepper website, there is a special patriotic edition Dr Pepper can. A statement by Dr Pepper/Seven Up says the cans are to "...show fervor that has been sweeping America since the tragic events of Sept. 11 in a world that we are a united nation of people who place a high value upon

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

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/Seven Up purpose was to reflect the unity of the country, not to make an anti-religious statement. The percent of the rest of the Pledge did not appear either.

Most of the questions to TruthOrFiction.com have been from people who have said they 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 said there should be enough room to include the phrase "under God" and the American Family Foundation said that it was more a matter of choice to avoid reference to God rather than a protest.

Forty-one million of the cans have been distributed in more than a dozen states. The cans were 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 line of patriotic set of soda cans.

The problem is that one of the cans will have the Statue of Liberty on one 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 grammar, 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 audacity 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.