



# ACTON INSTITUTE

FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION & LIBERTY

## Public Policy Areas

### Effective Compassion



Acton Institute envisions a revitalized civil society that is energetically involved in transforming the lives of the poor with minimal government intervention. In 1996 welfare reform and its “Charitable Choice” provision paved the way for more involvement by the private sector, especially by faith-based institutions, in helping the poor make the transition from welfare to work.

### Environmental Stewardship



Acton Institute recognizes that a strong, vibrant economy, and a vigorous commitment to property rights are essential to creating the necessary incentives for sound ecological stewardship practices. Environmental Stewardship is an approach to the earth and its resources that attends both to the demands of human freedom and flourishing and to the Biblical call for human beings to exercise caring “dominion” over creation.

### Educational Choice



Acton Institute promotes increased competition and parental involvement in educational decision making as a means for furthering the intellectual and moral formation of America's children. It will lead to the improvement of all schools, as each school will seek to increase its effectiveness, innovation, and additional services in order to attract more students.

### Business & Society



Acton Institute believes that commerce is an essential component of any society, enabling individuals to freely serve the needs of one another through mutually beneficial exchange. We affirm the importance of business as a calling and advocate a strong civil society rather than burdensome government regulation that inhibits human freedom and stifles innovation and creativity.

### International Trade



Acton Institute is committed to the free exchange of goods and services between persons, and acknowledges the essential relationship between a free, open economy and a free and prosperous people. We support efforts to remove barriers to trade between nations and to bring all persons into the circle of exchange.

### Technology & Regulation



Acton Institute advocates a free economy and the notion that high technology plays a vital role in improving the lives of consumers through innovation; hence, creativity should not be hampered by governmental intrusion. The free economy is much more adept than the state at meeting human needs and upholding human dignity.