

Letter to the Editor
of the New York Times
From John E. O'Neill,
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Gentlemen:

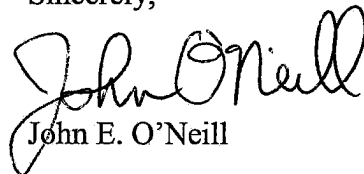
I was very dismayed to read your article of November 6, 2007 about a lawsuit filed by Plaintiff lawyers for five authors against Regnery Publishing's parent company. As a past Regnery best-selling author (and lead author of the book referred to in your story), I can tell you that critical facts were not included in your story.

I (along with other Regnery authors) were solicited to join this contingent fee lawsuit. Although I was told it would cost me nothing and might yield money, I refused. I examined the actual claims involved and found them totally meritless. The claims are for a share of income never received, based on the theory that discounted book club and other special sales should never occur. This is completely different than my understanding and the contacts that we signed. It also makes absolutely no sense.

Regnery is one of the most honorable and courageous publishers in the country. For 60 years, they have provided a home to conservative authors, most of who would never have been published by the liberal New York mega-publishers. As one of Regnery Publishing's best-selling authors, I have experienced first hand the risk and personal sacrifice Regnery undertakes to defend and promote its authors. And I have experienced the incredible hard work and dedication Regnery applies to each book it publishes with the express goal of turning each book into a New York Times bestseller. The suit accuses Regnery of steering sales AWAY from the book stores, which is preposterous. Rather, Regnery uses everything in its considerable arsenal to bring buyers into the bookstores and to maximize book sales.

I have nothing but praise for Regnery as a publisher, and nothing but dismay at this frivolous lawsuit against Regnery. Regnery not only made each of the books, including mine, a bestseller, it made my co-author a millionaire. It is simply tragic that Regnery's courageous efforts have been rewarded with this sort of attack.

Sincerely,



John E. O'Neill