



## Focus On Family Pulls Controversial Obama 'Rain' Video

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Denver, CO - Focus on the Family Action, the political arm of Focus on the Family, has pulled a video from its Web site that had asked people to pray for "rain of biblical proportions" during Sen. Barack Obama's acceptance speech at Invesco Field on Aug. 28.

"I'm still pro life, and I'm still in favor of marriage as being between one man and one woman," Stuart Shepard, the director of digital media for the group said in the video. "And I would like the next president who will select justices for the next Supreme Court to agree."

Shepard described the video, posted on July 30, as "mildly humorous." Focus members – primarily conservative Christians - didn't seem to agree and after receiving a number of complaints, the video was pulled from the organization's Web site.

Tom Minnery, Focus Action vice president of public policy, told the Colorado Springs Gazette that the video was taken down because several Focus members complained that prayer shouldn't be used to bring harm on someone else. "We are not about confusing people about prayer," Minnery said.

Focus on the Family Action lobbies for conservative issues and maintains ties to Focus on the Family founder and chairman James Dobson.

In June, Dobson accused Obama of distorting the Bible and pushing a "fruitcake interpretation" of the Constitution.

The conservative Christian leader had said he could not in good conscience vote for John McCain; however, in a recent radio broadcast Dobson indicated he might adding that McCain "seems to understand the Muslim threat."