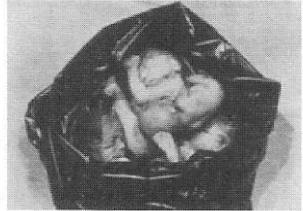


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WHO WILL DEFEND CHRISTIANS FROM RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION?

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GUEST SPEAKER: THOMAS BREJCHA

President, Founder, and Chief Counsel for the Thomas More Society, which is currently defending David Daleiden, Director of the Center for Medical Progress, who produced and released a number of videos showing Planned Parenthood officials discussing the harvesting and sale of unborn babies' body parts



"Here's how it happened. On Tuesday, April 5, David Daleiden was taking out his kitchen garbage when 11 California law enforcement agents zoomed in on him as if he were a drug dealing kingpin. They demanded to search his home. **The 11 agents spent three long hours ransacking every corner of his home**, rifling every drawer, and rummaging through his personal possessions. They confiscated his hard-drives, computers, and laptops that contained critical evidence it took him nearly three years of undercover work to gather," relates **Thomas Brejcha** of the **Thomas More Society**.

"Were all 11 agents really necessary? Wouldn't two have been enough? The agents' 'search warrant' was as vague as fog. A legitimate search warrant must be based on probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and must particularly describe the place to be searched, and the things to be seized. (This article continues on page 2.)

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"David was on the phone with a key attorney on our legal team, Thomas More Society special counsel Peter Breen, when an agent asked David to hand over even his cell phone. The agent confiscated his cell phone, which contains many emails David had exchanged with Peter, myself, and our California or Texas co-counsel — confidential, 'privileged' communications. This gross impropriety is beyond outrageous!

"One agent advised David that it was only as a matter of 'professional courtesy' that they were not handcuffing him and arresting him. But David has not yet been charged with any crime in California, despite being subjected to public display as if he were a terrorist or sociopath!

"Here's what David said after the home invasion: 'The very worst baby body parts violations and Planned Parenthood's baby body parts harvesting program took place in California. But instead of investigating these violations, and instead of going after Planned Parenthood, Attorney General Kamala Harris (D), who's running for Senate and fundraising on her website off of Planned Parenthood and receives money from Planned Parenthood, just invaded my home the other day, and took all of the video footage, including unreleased video footage.'

"David is right about Harris' flagrant conflict of interest. She has accepted over \$81,000 from Planned Parenthood and other abortion groups. She urges supporters to donate to Planned Parenthood, craving its political support."

Thomas More Society

Tom Brejcha has been litigating cases in federal and state courts over the last four and a half decades. For the last 17 years, he has served as president and chief counsel of the Thomas More Society, defending the sanctity of life, religious liberty, and family values. Serving as an Army Captain in Vietnam during 1969-70, Tom was awarded a Bronze Star and an Army Commendation Medal.

In 1986, Tom volunteered to assist the principal named defendants in the infamous *NOW vs. Scheidler* case. The *NOW* case was so vast and complex that it crowded Tom out of his business law practice. When his law partners told him to "quit the case or quit the firm," he resigned his law partnership and co-founded the Thomas More Society with **Joe and Ann Scheidler** in March, 1997. *NOW vs. Scheidler* went before the **U.S. Supreme Court** three times. The pro-life defendants prevailed on the merits by decisive margins of 8-1 in 2003 and then again by 8-0 in 2006 (**Justice O'Connor** retired before the decision was handed down or else it would have been 9-0). The case finally drew to a close (28 years after its filing!) when the **U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago** finally rejected the abortion forces' last appeal from the lower court's award of some \$65,000 as reimbursement for the pro-lifers' out-of-pocket costs (filing fees, witness fees, etc. – a fraction of their actual total costs). The opposition's objections were rebuffed as groundless and even "preposterous."

Mirabile dictu! Four weeks later, NOW actually paid in full!

Tom has appeared on many national and local broadcast shows and other media, such as Fox News' Bill O'Reilly and Sean Hannity shows, MSNBC, CNN, Relevant Radio, EWTN, CBN, the 700 Club, and Chicago Tonight. He has been a featured speaker at conferences sponsored by the March for Life, National Catholic Bioethics Council's U.S. Bishops Conference, SpeakOut Illinois, Law of Life Summit, and more.

Tom lives in Evanston, IL, with his wife, Deborah. They have two adult sons, Matthew and Peter.

UNBORN BABIES' LIVES MATTER

"It matters whether or not abortion clinics line their pockets through the dismemberment and distribution of children - all while receiving tax dollars. It matters because we are talking about the tiny limbs of babies with dignity - the broken yet still precious children of mothers and fathers," stated **Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska** during the Congressional hearing of April 20, 2016, on new documents showing **Planned Parenthood** illegally profits from the sale of aborted baby parts.

The Senator continued: "Here, on this basic reality...Babies are not the sum of their body parts. Babies are not meant to be bought. Babies are not meant to be sold. Babies are just that - babies. They're meant to be welcomed and rejoiced over, held, and nurtured."

The Videos

As previously reported in detail in **Northern Kentucky Right to Life's** newsletters, beginning last July, the **Center for Medical Progress**, under the direction of **David Daleiden**, released a number of videos showing Planned Parenthood officials discussing the harvesting and sale of unborn babies' body parts, as well as apparently discussing how they would change the abortion procedure to obtain intact babies, which brought a better price.

Not only do they expose the grizzly details of what it means to destroy an unborn child by abortion, but the videos also highlight Planned Parenthood's illegal profit from the sale of human organs.

The videos have resulted in a series of state and federal investigations into Planned Parenthood's activities, as well as some states' defunding of Planned Parenthood.

Naturally, the abortion industry turns to its political operatives, who then file criminal charges against those who publicize the truth of what Planned Parenthood really does.



In Houston, Texas, David Daleiden, and his associate, **Sandra Merritt**, have been indicted, while Planned Parenthood has not been charged with any criminal activity.

"It's horrifying that the Houston grand jury failed to indict the organization which was willing to sell baby body parts, yet somehow manages to indict the journalist who caught them in the act," stated **Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America** (studentsforlife.org).

"The fact that an employee of the district attorney is on the board of Planned Parenthood confirms an incestuous relationship between corrupt officials in the Harris County DA's office and the nation's largest abortion provider, whose livelihood is on the line should they be criminally charged with selling the body parts of aborted babies," she said, reports *The Wanderer*.

Prosecutor Minimizes Her Own Violation of the Law

In her haste to minimize the adverse publicity to Planned Parenthood caused by the release of these videos, the District Attorney of Harris County, **Devon Anderson**, now admits that she also violated the law, labeling her actions as "minor and harmless."

Under Texas law, an indictment may not be made public until the defendant is placed in custody or under bond. Ignoring the law, Anderson held a press conference the day of the indictment and then posted an online video, long before Daleiden and Merritt were taken into custody.

Naturally, the prosecutor downplayed her own disregard for the law. "That oversight was a mere technical, inconsequential violation of" the law...a tiny "procedural irregularity" that was "minor and harmless," her brief to the court states.

"But it's interesting to see Anderson argue that people should overlook the violation of *some* laws, because other underlying criminal actions it stops are more serious. That's exactly what David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt were arguing. Their use of a fake ID - and the laughable allegation that they really wanted to purchase human organs - pales in comparison to the macabre and likely felonious enterprise they revealed.

"The fact that a 'pro-life' district attorney defends her own criminal actions in order to prosecute the pro-life movement, at the direction of Planned Parenthood, should expose this politically motivated persecution for the kangaroo court that it is," states lifesitenews.com.

One of Two Charges Dismissed

Texas Judge **Diane Bull** dismissed one of the two counts against Daleiden, throwing out the charge that he was trafficking in human organs.

However, Daleiden still faces charges of tampering with a government document, for using a false driver's license, listing his name as "Robert Starkis," which he used in his investigation.

Persecution Opens on a Second Front in California

On April 5, the California Attorney General's office raided David Daleiden's home, confiscating all of his undercover video footage of Planned Parenthood's harvesting and sale of aborted babies' organs and tissues.

The "office of Kamala Harris, who was elected with tens of thousands of dollars from taxpayer-funded Planned Parenthood, seized all video footage showing Planned Parenthood's criminal trade in aborted baby parts, in addition to my personal information," Daleiden said in an official statement. "Ironically, while seizing my First Amendment work product, they ignored documents showing the illicit scheme between StemExpress and Planned Parenthood."

Harris, who was first elected in 2016, is now seeking the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by **Sen. Barbara Boxer**. She has received thousands of dollars from Planned Parenthood and hosts a petition on her campaign website asking voters to join her in "defending Planned Parenthood," reports *The Wanderer*.

"To storm into a private citizen's home with a search warrant is outrageously out of proportion for the type of crime alleged. It's a discredit to law enforcement, an oppressive abuse of government power," said **Matt Heffron**, a former federal prosecutor in Phoenix, and now a legal adviser to Daleiden.

"This is no surprise," Daleiden said. "Planned Parenthood's bought-and-paid-for AG has steadfastly refused to enforce the law against the baby body parts traffickers in our state - or even investigate them - while at the same time doing their bidding to harass and intimidate citizen journalists."

Pro-Life Lawyers Stand Up

David Daleiden's lawyer, **Peter Breen**, special counsel for **Thomas More Society**, exposes the tyranny: "How can anyone claim that David Daleiden tried to buy baby body parts for profit without agreeing that Planned Parenthood was willing to sell baby body parts for profit? David's purpose was to bring to light an illegal and disgusting practice of the abortion industry, and he's done so. David caught Planned Parenthood in Houston on tape agreeing to change abortion procedures, presumably without telling their patients, in order to get better organs from aborted babies."



In Planned Parenthood's suit against **Sandra Merritt**, who posed as "Susan Tennenbaum, CEO of Biomax" to capture undercover footage of Planned Parenthood representatives discussing how they alter abortion procedures to obtain the specific aborted babies' organs, as well as haggling over the price, attorneys with **Liberty Counsel** have not only moved to dismiss the case, but have requested that Planned Parenthood pay the defendant's costs.

"Plaintiffs here are not seeking to vindicate their patients' rights to obtain an abortion," state the attorneys for Merritt, "but to vindicate a purported right of privacy in their own corporate business transactions."

"It is the discussions of altering abortion procedures and harvesting and selling baby body parts revealed in the videos, not Ms. Merritt's identification of herself as Susan Tennenbaum of Biomax, that caused any purported business injuries alleged by" Planned Parenthood, including numerous state and federal investigations that the organization's national officers teach affiliates how to skirt the law," argue her attorneys.

"Sandra is not intimidated by Planned Parenthood's bullies," said **Harry Mihet**, chief litigation counsel for Liberty Counsel. "Their efforts to hide the truth and chill free speech will fail."

Congressional Hearings



The **Select Panel on Infant Lives**, of the U.S. House of Representatives, chaired by **Rep. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee**, conducted hearings on April 20, 2016, to hear and review evidence as to Planned Parenthood's selling of human baby parts.

A 1993 federal statute prohibits the sale of fetal tissue. "However, witnesses called during this month's hearing say abortion providers have ignored that law for decades, encouraging and profiting from a market in human body parts," relates *Break Point*.

Planned Parenthood and purchasers of fetal tissue have insisted for months that the money discussed in the undercover videos was "reimbursement for reasonable costs." But testimony before the panel reveals that there's no evidence clinics incurred any cost while harvesting fetal tissue. Third-party procurement technicians covered the costs, right down to shipping and handling. "When income exceeds costs," writes **Mollie Hemingway** at *The Federalist*, "that's profit."

Among the documents presented at the hearing were invoices for the sale and transfer of fetal organs. Hemingway writes that one customer paid over \$3,000 for a fetal brain. Another opted for a bulk discount, buying 38 tiny brains for \$22,000. And one procurement website entered as evidence during the hearing shows a drop-down menu order form where researchers can purchase "heart, lungs, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, esophagus, tongue, [and] scalp," relates **LifeSiteNews**.

"You don't need to be a lawyer to see what's going on here," remarked Rep. Blackburn. "This does not sound to me like tissue donation for research. This sounds like someone who wants to make money - a lot of money - selling baby body parts."

StemExpress

A corporate partner that has paid Planned Parenthood for these aborted babies' body parts and tissues is **StemExpress**. A company which only started

in 2010 now generates over \$4.5 million in revenue, a 1,316% increase in three years.

Last fall, the **Center for Medical Progress** released one video showing StemExpress CEO **Cate Dyer** informing its undercover investigators that her company shipped "a lot" of "intact" aborted babies' bodies to researchers nationwide.

The House Select Panel on Infant Lives has issued subpoenas in its investigation of StemExpress, as to whether it violated federal law by purchasing aborted babies' organs and tissues.

"In light of the advice we received from witnesses at our hearing last month, these subpoenas are necessary in order for the Select Investigative Panel to complete a full review of StemExpress' accounting records," Rep. Blackburn, who chairs the panel, said. "Documents uncovered by our investigation so far point to the very troubling possibility that StemExpress may have violated federal law by profiting from the sale of baby body parts."

More Planned Parenthood Lies

One of the witnesses before the Congressional committee presented consent forms that Planned Parenthood uses to request consent of mothers to allow Planned Parenthood to have and use aborted babies' body parts, organs, and tissues. The form states: "Research from the blood from pregnant women and the tissue that has been aborted has been used to treat and find a cure for such diseases as Diabetes, Parkinson's disease, Alzheimer's disease, cancer, and AIDS."

The fact that there is no cure for any of these above-mentioned diseases was brought out by Republican members of this Select Panel.

"I'll say, I lost my mother last year with Alzheimer's," said **Cong. Vicky Hartzel (R-MO)**, a pro-life stalwart on the committee. "I am not aware that there is a cure out there. This is news to me."

Defunding Planned Parenthood

In Congressional testimony, Planned Parenthood testified that it receives 41% of its total funding from taxpayers, having received over half a billion dollars from U.S. taxpayers during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

When Texas defunded Planned Parenthood, President Obama sidestepped Texas law and donated \$13 million in Title X funding directly to a coalition of abortion providers that included Planned Parenthood. In May, Mississippi joined other states, including Tennessee, North Carolina, and New Hampshire, in defunding Planned Parenthood.

Naturally, President Obama, the most pro-abortion president ever, has either sued states for defunding or cutting back funds to Planned Parenthood, and/or has threatened to withhold Medicare payments.

"Law enforcement in Planned Parenthood-friendly jurisdictions should stop wasting taxpayer resources to assist Planned Parenthood in harassing citizen journalists, and should stop ignoring the evidence of real fraud, baby body parts trafficking, and criminal abortion practices right in their own backyard," states **Daleiden**.

"BIG BROTHER" (PRESIDENT OBAMA) VS. LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

"We don't understand why the government is doing this," states **Sr. Loraine Marie Maguire, Mother Provincial of the Little Sisters of the Poor.**

Good will tolerate evil, but evil never tolerates good.

As throughout history, there have been those who have insisted that there are no moral absolutes, that nothing is intrinsically evil. On the other hand, those who hold Judeo-Christian principles understand that there are moral absolutes, and some acts are always intrinsically evil, regardless of the circumstances.

As the former group increases its influence, it will insist that the latter group first tolerate, then acknowledge as being good, certain intrinsically evil acts, and eventually will insist that the latter group participate in said evil acts.

A present-day example of this is **President Obama's** administration threatening to impose unbelievable penalties on the Little Sisters of the Poor, and other religious organizations, if they refuse to provide their employees with the healthcare plan that provides, free of charge, coverage for contraception and abortifacients.

Obama's Mandate

Under the **Affordable Care Act (Obamacare)**, the **Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)** has mandated that which is not in the statute, i.e., that insurance coverage must pay for contraception and abortifacients.

HHS initially stated that it would grant "religious employers" an exemption from the mandate. However, HHS defined "religious employer" so narrowly that it did not extend to schools, hospitals, or other charities operated by religious organizations.

After there was public outcry against such action by the HHS, supported by President Obama, HHS offered religious employers the so-called "opt out" from the mandate. If the religious organization would file a form stating their objection based on religious beliefs, HHS would notify the religious employer's insurance plan that it was required to notify the employees that they would be provided contraception coverage at no charge. HHS claimed that in this way the religious organization was not paying for someone's contraception or abortifacients, but that the insurance company was providing it free.

Since insurance companies provide nothing "free," any amount of legal gymnastics doesn't obscure the fact that the health insurance company will calculate into the insurance premium the cost of "free" contraceptives and abortifacients, which means the religious organization will pay for something that is intrinsically evil.

Little Sisters of the Poor

On March 23, 2016, the **United States Supreme Court** heard oral arguments in the case of *Zubik vs.*

Burwell, in which the federal government is insisting that it has the right to force the Little Sisters of the Poor to comply with such an immoral mandate.



"We Little Sisters of the Poor are a group of women who make religious vows to God. We dedicate ourselves to serving the elderly poor regardless of race or religion, offering them a home where they are welcomed as Christ, cared for as family, and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to Himself. We have done this for more than 175 years," states Sr. Loraine.

"But now we find ourselves in a situation where the government is requiring us to include services in our religious healthcare plan that violate some of our deepest held religious beliefs as Little Sisters.

"It's also hard to understand why the government is doing this when one-third of all Americans aren't even covered by this mandate, and large corporations like Exxon, Visa, and Pepsi are fully exempt, yet the government threatens us with fines of 70 million dollars per year if we don't comply.

"It is a privilege for us to care for the most vulnerable members of our society; serving them, comforting them, being a loving and healing presence in their lives; just being a 'Little Sister to them' is our joy.



All we ask is that we can continue to do this work."

These 6 cartoons are from the Little Sisters of the Poor website (littlesistersofthepoor.org).

No Need

In a recently filed brief to the **U.S. Supreme Court**, the Obama administration admitted that there really was no need to force religious organizations to comply with this mandate. As stated by **Mark Rienzi**, Senior Counsel with the **Becket Fund for Religious Liberty**, "The government has now admitted, 'yes, we can get people contraceptives without involving nuns,' ...That's a pretty logical point. It shouldn't have taken five years of litigation to admit that, but it's good that they have admitted it."

It has been obvious all along that the Obama administration could direct the HHS that in cases where employees are not provided coverage for contraceptives or sterilization or abortifacients under their healthcare plan, those employees could go to the exchanges set up under Obamacare and obtain such coverage at a cost determined by HHS.

Obama's reluctance to do so shows his determination to coerce people in organizations, whose religious beliefs would be violated if they were forced to pay for contraception and sterilization or abortifacients, to participate in such intrinsically evil acts.

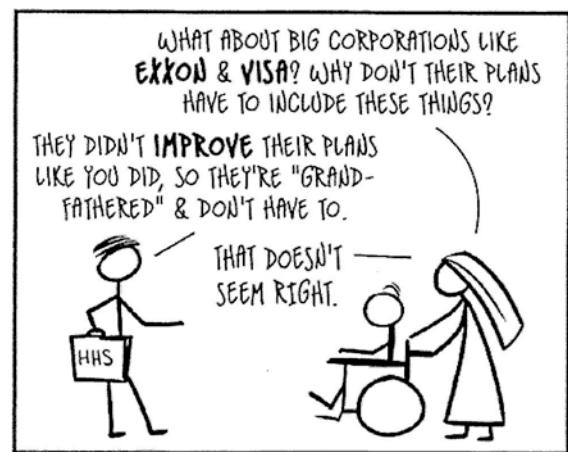


Oklahoma Wesleyan University

Another religious organization which has demonstrated its courage in taking the Obama administration to court has been **Oklahoma Wesleyan University**, whose president, **Dr. Everett Piper**, stated:

"Instead, the Obama administration has exempted billion-dollar corporations for reasons that have nothing to do with religion and is targeting Christian institutions like us, under threat of millions of dollars in crippling fines, to carry life-ending drugs like the week-after pill in our employee health insurance plans - against the beliefs and mission of our school and against the beliefs of the Oklahoma Wesleyan women who are eligible for these plans.

"In attempting to force us to comply with an unjust edict that tears at the very heart of who we are, the government is attacking the very motivation that drives and inspires us to serve this next generation."



Other Examples of Religious Persecution

Another example of religious persecution by the government has been cases where Catholic adoption agencies in several states had been forced to cease operations rather than to place children with homosexual parents. Again, women who are dealing with placing their child for adoption, couples seeking to have a child they could love, and a child who needs a mother and a father, are denied the services of these Catholic adoption agencies. Why? Because these charities refuse to participate in an intrinsically evil act demanded by those who cry that those who do not accept homosexuality are intolerant, while not tolerating anyone who dares not confirm them in their evil.

The **National Abortion Rights Action League**, the zealous promoter of abortion and contraception, view the Little Sisters of the Poor as merely a "social service organization," and not "a religious enterprise," since the Sisters employ and minister to "people of all faith and no faith."

"We offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they are welcomed as Christ. We perform this loving ministry because of our faith and cannot possibly choose between our care for the elderly poor and our faith, and we shouldn't have to."



An Unusual Request

On March 29, 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court made an unusual request that both sides submit additional briefs detailing "how contraceptive coverage may be obtained by petitioners' employees through petitioners' insurance companies, but in a way that does not require any involvement of petitioners."

Such a request obviously discloses that the ultra-liberal members of the Court are a little squeamish about crushing the Little Sisters of the Poor.

In the **Hobby Lobby** case, **Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, in her Dissenting Opinion that religious exemptions "were for individuals only, and did not extend to a business or privately held corporation," and that religious beliefs are not exempt from government mandates when they "significantly impinge upon the interests of third parties."



Motives

So what is the answer to Sr. Loraine's question: "Why the government is doing this."

Is it that Obama does not want the federal government to incur the expense of providing free contraceptives, sterilization, or abortifacients?

Or is the motive that the Obama administration wants to make Christian groups appear to be opposed to so-called "women's reproductive rights"?

Or is the real motive of the government to force those who hold the Judeo-Christian principle of the sanctity of all innocent human life, to not only tolerate contraception and sterilization being made available through healthcare plans, or killing of unborn children by abortifacients, but also to require such people of faith to participate in these intrinsically moral evils?



WHAT ARE WE DOING TO OUR CHILDREN?



The following are excerpts from the article: *I used to be transgender. Here's my take on kids who think they are transgender*, published in *The Daily Signal*.

"Life in society is not some fantasy world where a boy should pretend he has magically transformed himself into a girl simply by uttering the words 'I am a girl' and changing how he presents himself.

"My feelings of not wanting to be a boy started in early childhood as a result of cross-dressing at the hands of my grandma," writes the author of the article.

"Caregivers all too often collaborate with a mental disorder instead of treating it. Telling a psychologically troubled boy he has changed genders is not compassion, but can become reckless parenting. By withholding psychotherapy, parents could be abusing the kid.

"Living in a self-made gender fantasy world void of reality is not psychologically or emotionally healthy.

"I know that to be true. I was a transgender kid at the age of 4.

"I underwent gender reassignment surgery at 42 years of age after cross-dressing for most of my life.

"I discovered that trans kids most often are suffering from a variety of disorders, starting with depression - the result of personal loss, broken families, sexual abuse, and unstable homes. Deep depression leads kids to want to be someone other than who they are.

"Finally, I had discovered the madness of the transgender life. It is a fabrication born of mental disorders.

"I only wish that when I went to the gender counselor for help he would have told me I couldn't really change genders, that it is biologically impossible. Instead, he approved me for gender reassignment surgery, a surgery that, if I had been provided proper psychotherapy, would never have been necessary or appropriate.

"The transgender life is often the direct result of early childhood difficulty or trauma. Assisting a young child into the fabricated ideology of a transgender life is not helping the child sort out what is real and what is fiction.

"Most likely in 15 or 20 years, reality will set in that

he really never changed genders. This is often a turning point where the trans life is not looking as good as it once did.

"Thankfully, like me, many transgender persons return to the gender they once shed. Slowly they restore the life that was lost."

Gender Ideology

As explained by John-Henry

Westen, Editor-in-Chief of LifeSiteNews: "Under the guise of fighting homophobia, sex education, freedom of choice, LGBT rights, and non-discrimination, we are experiencing the imposition of gender ideology. It proposes that a person's sex is not biologically determined but that it was historically socially constructed and that individuals should have the choice to determine their own sex – or gender. It is a belief system that denies bodily reality and forbids even the consideration of the risk factors associated with abnormal sexual activity.



"Across North America and Western Europe for the last 20 years we've seen bakers, wedding photographers, florists, professors, counselors, media personalities, professional sports players, bed and breakfast owners, mayors, printers, politicians, foster parents, fire chiefs, magistrates, and police fined and some lose their jobs and livelihoods for criticizing homosexuality or homosexual 'marriage.'

"The openly lesbian mayor of the city of Houston, Texas, issued subpoenas demanding five pastors turn over any sermons dealing with homosexuality or gender identity. If they failed to comply, they could be held in contempt of court.

"The United Nations, Europe, and North America have conditioned aid money to poor countries on the acceptance of contraception, abortion, and homosexuality. According to Bishop Badejo of Nigeria, even help with fighting Boko Haram was impeded by the nation's refusal to accept homosexual 'marriage.'"



North Carolina and Mississippi

In March, North Carolina enacted the *Public Facilities Privacy Security Act*, which requires

government buildings and public universities to designate restrooms to be used by people whose biological sex at birth matches the sign on the door. This provided protection of its citizens by mandating gender-specific public restrooms, and allowing private businesses to set up their own bathroom policies, which overturned the City of Charlotte's ordinance requiring private businesses to allow men to use women's bathrooms and locker rooms.

Mississippi enacted a *Religious Freedom Bill* prohibiting the state government from penalizing those who refuse to provide services, based on religious beliefs, to same-sex "marriage," extramarital sex, or transgender persons.

Claiming discrimination, the ultra-left governors of New York and Massachusetts banned their state employees from traveling to North Carolina and/or Mississippi. **Bruce Springsteen**, a longtime leftist cultural warrior, canceled his concerts in these two states. Major corporations, including **Apple, PayPal, Pfizer, Microsoft, and Marriott**, signed public letters to the Governor of North Carolina urging him to repeal the new state law. **Deutsche Bank** canceled plans to create new jobs, and PayPal has canceled plans for a global operations center.

In Mississippi, **GE, Pepsi, and Dow** publicly criticized the new law.

Pointing out the appalling hypocrisy of these corporations, and left-wing politicians, **Heritage Foundation** noted: "Why do many of these same corporations do business in foreign countries with terrible records of human rights in general and for LGBT people in particular?" Heritage Foundation noted that PayPal's international headquarters is located in Singapore, a country that will punish people engaged in homosexual acts with up to two years in prison, as noted by the *Mindszenty Report*.

The *Report* also noted that **New York Governor Cuomo** did not show any concern with human rights violations when he visited Cuba recently to promote trade with that country.

Last year, Arkansas amended its *Religious Freedom Bill* after a corporate backlash led by **Walmart**.

Target



The retailer **Target** announced in April that its bathrooms were opening to sexual differentiation,

offering the strange claim: "Everybody deserves to feel like they belong."

The **American Family Association** asked people to boycott Target, commenting: "This means a man can simply say he 'feels like a woman today' and enter the women's restroom...even if young girls or women are already in there. Target's policy is exactly how sexual predators get access to their victims."

Less than three weeks into Target's new, transgender-affirming policy of allowing men into girls' bathrooms and changing rooms, the authorities in **Frisco, Texas**, released a surveillance photo of a man whom a girl noticed was looking into the stall and recording her with his cell phone, reported *LifeSiteNews*.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton asked Target for a full text of its safety policies "regarding the protection of women and children from those who would use the cover of Target's restroom policy for nefarious purposes. ...It is possible that allowing men in women's restrooms could lead to criminal and otherwise unwanted activities."

NBA and NFL and Hypocrisy

The **National Basketball Association** has given an ultimatum to the state of **North Carolina** that unless it changes its **Public Facilities Privacy Security Act**, the NBA will change the location of its 2017 All-Star Game from Charlotte to somewhere else.

Not to be outdone by the NBA, the **National Football League Commissioner, Roger Goodell**, issued a statement that the NFL "will continue to fight" North Carolina's bathroom privacy law.

San Francisco 49's owner Jed York has donated \$75,000 to a gay and transgender activist group which is fighting the North Carolina law.

On the other hand, we are still waiting to hear the announcement from the NBA and/or the NFL that they will be permitting men to use the women's restrooms in all of their sports facilities.

"Liberals have decided they want to bully Americans in every aspect of our lives: music, TV, movies, and now sports," **Medical Research Center Vice President Dan Gainor** told *LifeSiteNews*. "The major sports leagues, heavily influenced by left-wing, social justice journalists, are intent on turning the NBA, NFL, NCAA, and more into weapons to blackmail states into accepting the unacceptable."

"It's time for states and fans to tell the leagues and the journalists who play puppet master that our families are more important."

Boy Beats Girls in Track

As reported by *LifeSiteNews*, parents and teenage girls in Alaska are asking whether allowing biological males to compete against biological females in sports is fair after a boy who identifies as a female won a high-profile track and field event.

"It is not fair, and it is not right for our female athletes, and we have a responsibility to protect our girls

that have worked really hard - that are working toward college scholarships," **Stephanie Leigh Golmon Williams of the Alaska Family Council** told local media.

The **Alaska Schools Activity Association's** policy is consistent with the Obama administration's controversial transgender guidance, which states that students must be allowed to use or participate in "restrooms, locker rooms, shower facilities, housing, [and] athletic teams" consistent with their gender identity.

Ignoring the scientific fact that there are physical differences between males and females, and ignoring the scientific fact that there are psychological differences between the sexes, males are now allowed to compete as females.

"As everyone on the Left fall all over themselves to extend every possible right to transgender individuals, this case forces the question that always pops up when one group's 'rights' conflict with another's. Whose rights win? Whose rights are more important?" asks **Larry O'Connor of HotAir.com**.

"The question should be put to Hillary Clinton: You claim to be a champion for women's rights and you also claim to support transgender rights," he wrote. "Well, whose rights should win in this case, the transgender student who competed in the women's track meet, or the young woman who lost her chance to race because she lost to a man?"



Nattaphon Wagnyot, center, races females at his Alaska track meet.

I wonder what will happen when males decide to compete in professional women's sports, especially the very lucrative ones of golf and tennis.

Obama

Obama's newly appointed **Attorney General Loretta Lynch** announced in May that the Justice Department filed a suit that day against North Carolina, claiming that it violated federal civil rights laws by overturning ordinances mandating that transgender people can use the restroom and shower facilities of the opposite biological sex. The **U.S. Departments of Education, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** also threatened in May to withdraw funds totaling about \$3 million if North Carolina

does not rescind its law. It appears once again that Big Brother has become the big bully.

On the other hand, 51 Chicago families sued the federal government and **Township High School District 211** for disregarding students' privacy and safety. The district secretly opened its schools' restrooms to the opposite sex and then opened the girls' locker room to a boy after the **U.S. Department of Education** threatened the district's federal funding.

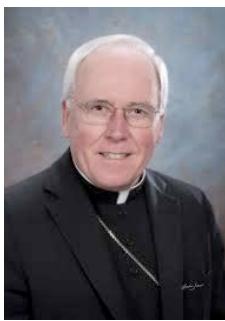
The Alliance Defending Freedom legal counsel Matt Sharp noted: "The Department of Education is exceeding what it is legally and constitutionally allowed to do. In fact, at least five other federal and state courts have rejected the DOE's interpretation of Title IX."

As the lawsuit explains, no law - including Title IX, the federal law concerning sex discrimination at schools and colleges that receive federal education funds - requires schools to allow boys into girls' restrooms or girls into boys' restrooms. In fact, Title IX and its regulations specifically state that a school receiving federal funds can "provide separate toilet, locker room, and shower facilities on the basis of sex" without putting that funding at risk, reports *lifesitenews.com*.

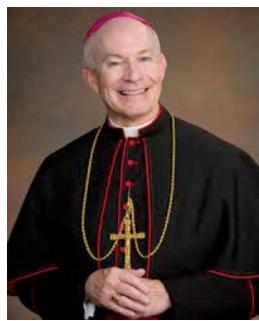
"It's a massive step backwards to force women to give up their inherent right to bodily privacy," said **Thomas More Society attorney Jocelyn Floyd**. "To impose such a rule on still-developing teenage girls, as they're already struggling with puberty's changes on their bodies and social pressures to look a certain way, undermines their dignity and tells them that their rights don't matter. This isn't a message our schools should be sending to our girls."

Two Bishops Speak Out

"The guidance issued May 13 by the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Department of Education that treats 'a student's gender identity as the student's sex' is deeply disturbing," **Buffalo Bishop Richard Malone** and **Omaha Archbishop George Lucas** stated in a May 16, 2016, statement.



Bishop Malone



Bishop Lucas

"The guidance fails to address a number of important concerns and contradicts a basic understanding of human formation: that the young need to be helped to accept their own body as it was created." They went on to state, "biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished

but not separated." The Bishops' statement that children and loved ones in the "difficult situations" of gender dysphoria deserve compassion and respect, but, "all of these can be expressed without infringing on legitimate concerns about privacy and security on the part of the other young students and parents."

Catholic Colleges

Although sad to report, some ultra-liberal Jesuit Catholic institutions have embraced the general ideology in their housing policies.

The **College of the Holy Cross** in Massachusetts' housing policies "will allow students of different sexes to room together based on gender identity."

The **University of San Francisco** updated its gender-inclusive housing policy, stating that students should develop their own understanding about gender identity, including recognition that "human beings are not necessarily male or female as ascribed by their assigned gender at birth. ...The bathroom is a communal bathroom and is shared by all members of the community (regardless of gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sex)."

The Fate of Our Nation

"Controversies about life, generation, and death are decisive for the fate of any civilization," writes **Robert R. Reilly**, author of *Making Gay Okay: How Rationalizing Homosexual Behavior is Changing Everything*. He continues: "A society can withstand any number of persons who try to advance their own moral disorders as public policy. But it cannot survive once it adopts and enforces the justification for these moral disorders as its own. That is what is at stake in the cultural war. That is why everything is changing."

Being Bullied by Big Brother

In May, **President Obama**, through the **Departments of Justice and Education**, has declared that "both federal agencies treat a student's gender identity as the student's sex for the purposes of enforcing Title IX," which allows the federal government to deny funds to schools and to states who do not implement Obama's administration's obsession with sex to rewrite their policies allowing boys unfettered access to girls' locker rooms.

President Obama's taking upon himself to rewrite law, in reinterpreting the 1972-enacted Title IX, is another example of unnecessary meddling in state and local matters by an increasingly powerful and out-of-control federal government.

The Obama administration states today that a "school may not require transgender students to have a medical diagnosis, undergo any medical treatment, or produce a birth certificate or other identification document before treating them consistent with their gender identity." The administration goes on to say that "gender identity refers to an individual's internal sense of gender." In other words, sheer say-so makes it so.

Second, based on the sheer say-so of a student, the Obama administration is directing schools to allow "students to participate in sex-segregated activities and access sex-segregated facilities consistent with their gender identity." Yes, that means when it comes to sports teams, bathrooms, locker rooms, dorm rooms, and hotel rooms for field trips - these all must now be based on the self-declared gender identity of the students.

"The Obama administration's official policy is that boys who identify as girls should have unfettered access to girls' bathrooms, locker rooms, and shower facilities," concludes *The Daily Signal*.

The pro-life **Governor of Kentucky, Matt Bevin**, quickly vowed that his administration would resist Obama's directive ordering schools to let transgender students use bathrooms of the opposite sex. Kentucky schools "should not feel compelled to bow to such intimidation." The governor concludes: "It is difficult to imagine a more absurd federal overreach into a local issue."

In a defiant press conference, **Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick** said in May that the state would refuse federal funding before putting its children at risk.

"We will not be blackmailed by the president's 30 pieces of silver," Patrick said.

He said the policy, if adopted, "will be the end of public education.

"People will pull their kids out of unsafe schools," he said. "Homeschooling will explode. Private schools will increase."

"I believe it is the biggest issue facing America since prayer was taken out of schools," Patrick added.

Assault Victims Speak Out on Open Bathroom Bills

A new video from the **Alliance Defending Freedom** features the testimonies of sexually assaulted victims, each exposing new aspects of how transgender bathroom ordinances inflict a very personal cost on the most vulnerable.

Gretchen Flores remembers how, as a 10-year-old girl, her male swim coach talked her into letting him "help" massage the cramps out of her legs in the locker room. His assistances turned into sexual abuse, and a secret that burned a hole in her memory. "I think about the countless victims of this man in the locker room," she says. Back then men were not allowed in women's locker rooms. The only reason he had access was that he was the swim coach."

Kaely Triller reveals that she was fired from her job as communications director at a YMCA last March for saying that she opposed the new policy of gender identity-based locker rooms. Triller had never publicly revealed her own secret: She had been abused "from the time I was in diapers."

She told her employer that she could not imagine facing a man in a women's facility. Grouping males and females in such an intimate setting would traumatize her

and a percentage of other women who had similar, tragic experiences.

"The presence of a male of any variety - whether he's somebody who identifies as trans or not, whether he has devious motives or not - that's irrelevant to the reality that for survivors of sexual trauma to just turn around and to be exposed to that is an instant trigger."

She said laws granting males access to female facilities are promoted in the name of transgender rights, and people often support them because "they think that it's a compassionate thing to do. I think what they're not considering, and what I'm hoping that they will, is that this has such devastating implications for people like me."

"The message that sends really loud and clear to those teenage girls," Triller says, finally breaking out into tears, "is that that's OK, that a grown man can come and watch them shower, and we're not going to do anything about it."

Quo vadis? The past is only the prologue!!!

AMERICAN WAR DEATHS	
Revolutionary War	25,324
Civil War	498,332
World War I	116,708
World War II	407,316
Korean War	54,246
Vietnam War	58,655
Iraq & Afghanistan	6,397
War on the Unborn (Abortions in the U.S. 1973-2011)	58,000,000
Yes, that's right - more than 58 million abortion deaths in the U.S. from 1973 when abortion was legalized through the end of 2011. The number is shockingly skyrocketing daily.	

DEATH IN AMERICA	
Annual Totals	
Abortion	1,395,000
Heart disease	734,000
Cancer	537,000
Pneumonia/Flu	82,000
AIDS	42,000
Auto accidents	42,000
Other accidents	48,000
Suicide	32,000
Firearms Murder	17,000

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Please pray to end abortion!

Archbishop Warns of "Bloodless" Persecution



Archbishop William Lori warned that "bloodless" and "polite" persecution manifests itself in public schools, courts, laws, and "policies that seek to manage and put limits on religion," reports lifesitenews.com.

The Baltimore archbishop, at the opening of **Divine Mercy University**, an expansion of the Virginia-based **Institute for Psychological Sciences**, went on to state that religious freedom "does not mean the freedom merely to escape cooperation with evil by the skin of one's teeth. Rather, it means the space necessary to create in our institutions a true culture of life, a culture that respects the teachings of the faith that inspires and shapes the charitable, social, and educational services we are providing.

"We have only to think about the arbitrary redefinition of marriage and family or anti-family welfare and relief policies. As these intermediate structures [the family, parishes, schools, and Christian clubs at universities] either disappear or come under the direct control of the government, our society becomes less merciful and more impersonal, less apt to be a setting for human flourishing.

As the imposition of the so-called same-sex "marriage," and/or the Obama administration's contraception, sterilization, and abortifacient mandate and healthcare policies and/or the Obama's administration mandate requiring that all bathrooms be open to both genders, increasingly clash with religious liberty, leading to religious persecution, Bishop Lori has become a leading voice for freedom of conscience and the right of Americans to bring their religious views to the marketplace of political ideas.

Great Evils

"The defense and promotion of human life and of marriage and the family is at the foundation of a Christian culture, and indeed, of any viable human culture," states American **Cardinal Raymond Burke** at Canada's 20th anniversary of the **National Evangelization Teams**.



"The wholesale murder of the unborn in the womb is justified as the exercise of the so-called 'right' of the mother to choose whether to bring to term the baby she has conceived. More and more, too, we face the abhorrent practices of the artificial generation of human life and then its destruction at the embryonic stage of development, which are justified as the means to find supposed cures for crippling or deadly diseases.

"One necessarily thinks too of the ever advancing agenda of those who want to redefine marriage and family life to include the unnatural sexual activity of two persons of the same sex, which is justified as tolerance of so-called 'alternative forms' of human sexuality, as if there were a true form of human sexuality other than that intended by God, our Creator and Redeemer, as He has written it in our body and soul."

Burke called the above "great evils which beset the world in our day," adding that they indicate a way of living "as if God did not exist."

Burke went on to speak about the role of conscience as the "infallible guide" to holiness of life, but only a conscience that is "trained to listen to God's voice alone, and to reject what would weaken or compromise in any way our witness to the truth in which He alone instructs us through the Church, through our daily prayer and devotion, through our knowledge of the Saints with whom we have communion in the Church, and through our study of official Church teaching.

"Today, we must be attentive to a false notion of conscience which would actually use the conscience to justify sinful acts, the betrayal of our call to holiness," he said. (Source: lifesitenews.com)

