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Standing up for family values in society

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‘The Global Sexual Revolution’

By John O’Neill

German writer, sociologist and public speaker Gabriele Kubly was recently interviewed about her book, ‘The Global Sexual Revolution’. Gabriele dedicates her life to raising consciousness about the devastating cultural impact caused by the sexual revolution: *“As sex goes, so goes the family. As the family goes, so goes society. Sexual norms have a decisive influence on the whole cultural edifice. The anthropologist J.D. Unwin, an Oxford scholar of the 1930s, showed in his book ‘Sex and Culture’ that high culture can only exist with strict sexual norms. Christian European culture rests on the ideal of monogamy. We are now in a cultural revolution that overthrows sexual morality. The severe consequences are obvious. The destruction of the family and the demographic crisis. But the powers of this world continue to force the sexual revolution on every nation.”* Gabriele spoke about the devastating impact that pornography is having through the Internet creating millions of addicted people and marriages breaking up because of porn addiction. She also highlighted the origins of the sexual revolution: *“The goals of the 1968 ‘sexual liberation’ have become the agenda of the UN and the EU and are carried forward by the global enforcement of*

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NEWS IN BRIEF

‘The Future of Europe after the Brexit’

Mr Jack Corley the Universal Peace Federation Continental Director spoke on June 30th at a special conference in Holland entitled: “The Future of Europe after the Brexit”. Two former Dutch ministers were among the speakers. They both expressed that the Brexit was a harmful thing for both the UK and for Europe. They proposed solutions mainly through economic and political means. Mr Corley in his speech stated that indeed the Brexit may not have been a good decision for the UK and Europe, further stating: “However, Europe should also look inward and reflect on its situation. It should consider not only why this happened but also why many of its nations are not satisfied with how it functions. It should evaluate its decisions, e.g. why so much money is spent on futile things. Although economics and politics are essential, the solution from Europe should come from within. Europe must return to its spiritual founding principles and values and the importance of character education and family values. The family is where virtues such as living for the sake of others are taught. Individuals of integrity, raised in good families are the best asset of a nation and culture. Therefore, education of young people should not be only education of talent and skills, it should also include education of heart and norms.” All participants, including the speakers were impressed by Mr Corley’s presentation.

Inappropriate Childcare

The Government has announced plans which would enable parents to leave their young children in state-subsidised childcare as early as 6am in the morning. Toddlers would also be able to stay in nurseries or with childminders until 8pm. The idea behind these plans is to enable more mothers to go back to full-time work. Education and Childcare Minister Sam Gyimah stated: “As a Government we have put helping families at the heart of our agenda.” Jonas Himmelstrand a Swedish researcher warned in 2013 that long-term childcare could lead to mental health problems and difficulties in school, and that failing educational standards and a wave of disorder and bullying in Swedish schools was directly connected to state subsidies for day-care. In 2008 Unicef the UN agency also warned of a link between long hours of day-care and anti-social behaviour. Patricia Morgan author and researcher on the family stated: “the Government is ignoring questions over the long-term effects on children who spend all day in childcare. There is an assumption that all children should be in day-care and all mothers in full-time work.” Clearly, the Government’s new proposals for childcare are inappropriate and it

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is irresponsible of the Government to ignore the mental and emotional harm caused to children who are left for long hours in childcare facilities.

Child Abuse

There have been some horrific, heinous cases of child abuse reported in recent months. 34-year-old legal guardian Kandyce Downer repeatedly attacked 18-month-old Keegan Downer, causing more than 200 separate injuries including two broken legs and fractured ribs. The child was left with a total of 153 scars and bruises. Police described the treatment of Keegan as being “barbaric and inhuman and downright evil.” Other similar cases in recent months involve six-year-old Ellie Butler who was killed by her biological father, and two-year-old Liam Fee who was killed by his mother and her lesbian partner. Liam died when his heart ruptured from blows to his chest. He had more than 30 injuries, including a fractured upper arm and thigh. Sustained attacks on the toddler were carried out over a period of 2 years. Child cruelty and neglect cases recorded by the police have risen dramatically by 75% in just over a decade. Parents or carers were reported to the police in connection with 8,506 offences in England in 2014-15 compared with 4855 in 2005-06. Mr Paul Staines of the Restore Justice campaign states that opinion polls suggest that about half the population of the UK would like the death penalty introduced for murders. This rises to 60% when it comes to child or police killers. For heinous crimes, such as relevant child abuse cases reported in recent months, the death penalty should be reintroduced.

Study: Children are happiest when their parents are married

A study from the Marriage Foundation which was based on data from 3,822 children polled in a British Household Panel survey, found that children whose parents are married have significantly higher self-esteem. The research director at the marriage Foundation, Harry Benson said: “Conventional wisdom has it that child outcomes depend on parents staying together rather than marital status. This new finding shows that assumption to be false. In terms of self-esteem, teenagers living with parents who are together but not married are no better off than children living with lone parents. Family income makes no difference. Marriage alone provides the boost. A number of studies have shown that self-esteem is closely related to how secure people feel in their relationships. It appears that children of married parents are responding to something they see in their parents’ relationships. That reflects greater security.” Mr Benson added that children of married couples were more likely to see their parents as ‘one solid unit’, and that: “Their self-esteem benefits accordingly.” Sir Paul Coleridge Chairman of the Marriage Foundation stated: “Marriage matters because it is the most important predictor of a child’s future life chances. Not only is a married couple more likely to save their child from undergoing the trauma of family breakdown, we now have evidence that parents’ public declaration of commitment to each other significantly alters a child’s self-perception and self-esteem. Being married not only influences the chances of families staying together, it also influences the well-being of their children. It is not being moralistic or judgmental to say marriage works best for families. It is a statement of fact. The Government should place more

importance on marriage.” Previous research by the Marriage Foundation has linked family breakdown to poor academic performance and mental health issues including anxiety and depression.

The advance of the transgender agenda

The transgender agenda has made rapid advancements in recent weeks and months and is already having an alarming impact on the lives of children and young people. To take just a few of many examples that could be cited:

- The number of under-18s receiving gender treatment from the NHS Gender Identity Disorder Service has risen from 97 in 2009/10 to 1,013 between April and December 2015. ¹
- An East Sussex primary school recently held a ‘trans-gender day’, using a toolkit prepared in conjunction with the LGBT Allsorts Youth Project. ²
- My Life: I Am Leo, a documentary broadcast on CBBC about a girl who now identifies as a 13 year-old boy, was recently judged the best children’s programme at the Royal Television Society Programme Awards 2016. ³
- In its report on Transgender Equality, the House of Commons Women and Equalities Committee recommended that ‘Trans issues (and gender issues generally) should be taught as part of Personal, Social and Health Education.’ It further recommended that ‘provision should be made to allow 16- and 17-year-olds, with appropriate support, to apply for gender recognition, on the basis of self-declaration.’ ⁴
- Having achieved most of its objectives in relation to homosexual rights, the lobby group Stonewall has expanded its remit to include campaigning for ‘trans equality’. It plans to redesign the programmes it runs in schools, develop resources with partner organisations for ‘trans-specific work’ and include gender identity and gender expression within teacher training. ⁵
- At a recent LGBTI hustings, Scotland’s First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, pledged to review Scotland’s gender recognition laws to ensure they are in line with ‘international best practice’. She also announced plans to make sure all children were taught about tolerance to LGBTI people ‘throughout early years, primary and secondary education’. She spoke of ‘enabling young people to make informed choices about their gender and sexual identity’ and called for ‘greater recognition and greater protection’ for people who do not identify as a man or a woman to be a priority for the next parliament. ⁶

Notes: 1. Ben Lazarus, ‘Transgender kids getting NHS treatment soars by 1,000%’, The Sun, 8 March 2016. 2. Rachel Barr, ‘Head teacher defends transgender discussion at primary school as some parents withdraw pupils’, East Grinstead Courier, 16 March 2016. 3. Kasia Delgado, Radio Times, 23 March 2016. 4. House of Commons Women and Equalities Committee, Transgender Equality, First Report of Session 2015–16, HC390, 14 January 2016. 5. Ruth Hunt and Ayaz Manji, Trans people and Stonewall: Campaigning together for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans equality, Stonewall, 2015. 6. Simon Johnson, ‘Nicola Sturgeon: Scots to be allowed to change gender so they are neither male nor female’, Daily Telegraph, 31 March 2016.

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LGBT- 'rights' and the deconstruction of male and female identity. The deregulation of sexual norms. Promotion of LGBT – privileges, including same-sex marriage and transgender 'rights'. Undermining of the family by ideological and economic means (tax- and social security systems which penalise mothers and families). Collectivisation of children below three years in state day-care facilities. Sexualisation of children through obligatory sex-education in schools. Eradication of 'gender-stereotypes' by pedagogical methods in kindergarten and school. These attacks on the foundation of a healthy, viable society create masses of uprooted people easily manipulated. It is not only the strategy of the UN and EU, but of a network of UN-agencies like WHO and UNICEF, global corporations like Apple, Microsoft, Google, Facebook, billionaire foundations like Rockefeller and Gates supported by mainstream media.

One obvious motive for these destructive policies (abortion and contraception) is to reduce the population of this earth. This is the foreign policy of the USA since the 1970s. But the real problem is the demographic decline which nearly all industrialized nations are facing and which is now beginning even in developing countries. It is a consequence of separating sex from its existential meaning and function, procreation, through contraception and abortion. Strong forces in the UN and EU battle for defining abortion as a "human right". Where has humanity come to since the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948? The goal of implementing gender-ideology into society with sophisticated methods of social engineering is the deconstruction of the identity of man and woman, thus attacking family and morality on its deepest level. Since the decision of the Supreme Court of the USA in June 2015 we see a new wave of transgender activism coming from the USA. Obama, president of the leading nation of this world, is at the front of the "bathroom battle", authorizing policy that allows a transgender person to use the toilet and locker-room of the sex of his choice. That 99 percent of the population of the United States has a problem when members of the opposite sex enter bathroom-facilities, especially when they are used by children, seems to be of no concern to the political rulers. Apart from changing the legal system and sexualizing children by force of the state, this ideology is worked into the brain and psyche of people through the media, the entertainment-industry (film and music) and pornography. Pornography is a multi-billion business. Watching pornography is addictive like a physical drug; it destroys marriages and families and is a slippery slope into sexual crime. Why is there no campaign of the EU against pornography, as there is against smoking? The difference is that smoking does not destroy family, pornography does. Jesus says: "Who loves me will keep my commandments" (John 14,15). Keeping the commandments allows the Holy Spirit to enlighten our understanding and change our life. Not keeping the commandments, that is, separating from God through sin creates blindness. The mass-media do what they can to

make any kind of sin seem acceptable, so people lose the spirit of discernment between good and evil. In the Bible we read: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live." (Deut. 30,19). The statistics of family breakup, psychological disturbances of a high percentage of children and the demographic crisis shout at us, but we are deaf. We do not know in which phase of the history of mankind we are. But as believers we know that the human story has a good ending. Each one of us can choose life and use his talents to work for life. To know you are on the side of life, and therefore on the "right side of history" allows you to lead a happy and peaceful life. I am not "homophobic", because I have no fear (phobia = fear) of homosexuals, nor do I have anything to do with the "far right". I am a defender of democratic rights against this newly arising totalitarianism. The Berlin play works with manipulated quotations, and we are taking them to court to protect the democratic right of free speech. The attacks do not discourage me. I do what I feel I am called to do. Gabriella was asked the question: Can we win this cultural battle? Let me answer with David: "The battle belongs to the Lord (1 Sam 17, 47). Gabriele Kuby is a frequent lecturer in Germany and around Europe, and has written for numerous print and on-line publications in Europe. This article is a slightly edited version of an interview with Hazte Oir. See also: *Europe's Cassandra*. [Life-Site News: Reprinted with permission from MercatorNet]

Gabriele has spoken recently at various pro-family demonstrations in Germany, highlighting the right of parents to educate their children, and the protection of marriage and family, and, that politicians should be making policies for the majority and not for a radical minority. Gabriella highlights how in Germany they can develop a mass movement as has happened in other countries: "let us not be afraid to speak the truth and uncover lies. We are here because we want to protect our families, and because we want freedom, democracy and a future. We are defending the infrastructure of our culture."

Gabriele Kuby is setting a wonderful example with her fighting spirit and seriousness in speaking out regarding the devastating impact the sexual revolution is having in our world today. Such people can have a huge impact in motivating and encouraging others to get involved in the spiritual/moral warfare our world is facing at this time. Politicians in Western countries in particular, have been heavily influenced by the humanist, anti-Godly agenda. Religious leaders and scholars have a vital role to play in guiding political leaders. The greatest confrontation in our world is about faith in God versus the denial of God. The highest ideals and purposes come from the mental and spiritual life a person who is centred on God. Sadly, religious leaders often fail to speak out against the real problems of the modern world. World religions need to work together and to provide a stable universal foundation of values upon which governments can build true peace and harmony. When such values are firmly established in our nations we can all look forward to better days free from the pernicious impact of the sexual revolution.

Morality Forum Action

After seeing a lewd photo in the window of a shop near to where he lives in Manchester, Brian Grayson spoke to the proprietor of the shop asking if the picture could be removed, as it would cause offence, especially regarding families and children. The picture was removed.

Pro-Life Times newspapers, sex education bulletins and abortion and euthanasia leaflets and petition forms from SPUC continue to be distributed to numerous religious organisations and individuals.

Pastor Jayanti Patel, from Kenton, NW London, informed John O'Neill that he would be talking about abortion in a sermon he would be giving the following Sunday. Jayanti is very supportive of the work and the aims and ideals of the Morality Forum.

John O'Neill has received some very positive feedback after speaking in various christian churches in recent weeks about key family, moral issues. John encourages the congregations to take action, especially regarding the protection of children from pornography and harmful sex education etc. John also highlights the importance of living for the sake of others and becoming beings of true love.

Obituary: Steve Stevens



A memorial service was held in Worthing on June 14th for Steve Stevens. Steve was 96 years old. Steve was one of the founder members of the Festival of Light, a Christian moral campaign. Steve was a true patriot. He loved God, and he cared deeply and passionately about the decline of moral and family values in our nation. Steve was a dedicated moral campaigner and he appeared on many TV and radio programmes in defence of moral and family

values, as well as organising and participating in numerous moral campaigns. We thank Steve for his sincerity and dedication, and for setting such a wonderful example. Our thoughts and prayers are with Steve's family at this time.

On the International Day of Families UPF-Austria held a 2-day conference: Spirituality and Family as Basis for a Sustainable Future. May 28th – 29th, 2016 [Excerpts]



In organizing the symposium, UPF was supported by the Women's Federation and the Family Federation for World Peace-Austria: The first speakers were Elisabeth Cook and Johannes Stampf from the Family Federation. They approached the topic from the

viewpoint of Unification Theology: From the existence of man and woman we can conclude that the origin of all life, God, has male and female elements and can be considered as the parent of humanity. By man and woman achieving spiritual maturity and then becoming parents themselves, they can attain the highest level of spirituality, specially by having children and passing on God's love to them. Johannes Stampf emphasized that we can master life best, if we are aware of our eternal existence. The relationships

of love, which we create during our life on earth will be our eternal treasure. The most precious and sustainable contribution to a better future is to have children and raise them to become loving parents themselves. Dr. Ismail Yasin, a former professor at Damascus University in Syria summarized the most important principles of life as follows: "We need a good relationship to our creator, God, because this is the key to inner peace and success in life. Our spiritual desire is to be united with God and we suffer when we cannot attain this unity. Second, we need good relationships within our family – to our spouse, children and relatives, because this is the key to peace and social success. Family means that nobody is left behind. Without stability in the family people have little hope. The disintegration of the family endangers our culture today." Of further relevance are for Prof. Yasin good relationships at one's workplace, because this also strengthens the social peace. Our economic activities should be in unity with God's spirit.

The symposium continued in the afternoon with a presentation by Dr. Elias Rubenstein, president of Hermetic International. Referring to the topic "Spirituality and Family" he explained three levels of relationships: the physical family which is to fulfil God's blessing of "Be fruitful and multiply". He sees a second level of family relationships in the brotherhood of all people, as Jesus said: "Where two or three are gathered in my name I am amongst them", and, "The one who does the will of my Father in heaven, he is my brother and father and mother". Dr. Rubenstein sees the third and highest level of relationship in the relationship of human beings to their creator, God. Only if we experience God's love can we have successful relationships on all other levels of love. He concluded his presentation with the statement "We should live our lives in abundance (of love), which we only can do if we give and receive love continuously". Mag. Maria Neuberger-Schmidt founder of "Parents Workshop" talked about her work experiences in 20 years of parents' education: "The succession of generations guarantees the sustainability. The dysfunctional family is a big problem today, and we absolutely should not accept the breakdown of the family as the norm. We need an ideal, which gives us hope and direction. The wellbeing of the children has the highest priority, and they need a father and a mother." Mrs. Neuberger-Schmidt addressed also the problem that many young well educated people take great care in planning their career, but forget to plan their family. Often they start too late and cannot have children anymore. Young people urgently need a family oriented value system. **The UPF celebration of Africa Day: Ghana - May 25th, 2016.** UPF-Ghana Secretary General Dr. Helen M. Osei delivered the keynote address, "A Paradigm Change in a New Era—Challenging Our Challenges." Dr. Osei quoted from a speech given by the UPF Founder in which he underscored the root cause of the world's problems as related to marriage and family, the root of human life. Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon had challenged world leaders that "unless marriage as the means of reproduction through love is fully aligned with a vision of peace centered on God, there is little hope that the next generation will have the tools needed to transform this world." The secretary general pointed out that family breakdown and the decline of moral standards, especially among the youth, are extremely serious. Even if great efforts are made to solve poverty and achieve the Millennium Sustainable Goals, she remarked, there will be very limited success if we do not address fundamental issues of human character and human relationships, because human problems are rooted in the corruption of the human heart. She concluded by saying that the world needs "a paradigm shift of leadership," which will consider a universal vision of peace based on core values, allowing us to move from a state of conflict to a state of peace, from resentment to reconciliation, from enemy relationships to relationships of true love. This is the key to peace and prosperity, instead of conflict and poverty.



True Family Values

True Love: What is it?

A. The characteristics of true love.

6. *A True love relationship is my responsibility, not the other person's.*

- To begin with myself means that I am the one to initiate true love.
- To begin with myself means that if there are problems, first look to myself.

In the case of marriage, to think that the problem is my spouse or that finding just the right spouse will lead to true love is an illusion.

Is my love pure? Do I unconditionally love my spouse? Or do I just expect my spouse to love me?
- Mind-body unity is the precondition for true love.

In fallen man the body dominates the mind so completely that we do not follow our conscience. Hence, false, artificial love may mask desires to use the other to satisfy one's self. This sort of love is not true; it always fails.

True love is in harmony with the desire of the conscience to do good.
- To practice true love, and overcome the temptation to false love, we should use two methods.

Study God's words, which strengthens the power of the mind.

Discipline the body, making it do what it does not like to do (fasting, prayer vigils, self-sacrifice).

These two methods are contained in the basic teachings of all religions.

By subjugating the flesh, the conscience is liberated, allowing us to fly in the ecstasy of love that is one with goodness.
- Take care of your body for the sake of serving others.

7. *True love has no enemies.*

- In contrast to animals, who care only for their own offspring for a short time, human beings love not only their children, but also their parents, neighbours and even humanity as a whole eternally.
- Thus, true love embraces all people.
- Jesus said to love your enemy.
- Avoid creating resentment through exercising favouritism.
- We should love our enemies more than we love our own children.

Even your enemy has a mother who loves him. To kill him would cause his mother pain. Therefore, true love never wishes harm to one's enemies.

Sacrificial love for the enemy is the only way to end hatred, resentment, alienation and violence.

Sacrificial love induces the voluntary surrender of the enemy.

8. *True love begins from God, is manifested in the family, and expands to the world.*

Confucius taught that love begins in the family.

Mencius taught that we should develop jen which is the heart that goes out to help all people.

Jesus taught that we should love our neighbour, whom we can see, before claiming that we love God, whom we cannot see. He taught, in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, that everyone in the world is our neighbour.

We can see that love develops through eight stages, in which we each participate.

1. The body lives for the mind (individual).
2. The individual lives for the family.
3. The family lives for the society.
4. The society lives for the nation.
5. The nation lives for the world.
6. The world lives for the cosmos.
7. The cosmos lives for God.
8. Finally, even God has His subject - True Love, so He lives for us.

True love is like the light, the family is like a lens, and the full spectrum of the light is cast upon the screen of the world. This means that each member of the family represents the love within the family out in the larger society, and it is in the larger society that love attains its greatest value: in bringing joy and blessings to others.

From the give and take of true love of husband and wife comes true life.

Love is the root of life.

Life does not create love; love creates life.

Therefore Jesus said if you seek your life, you will lose it, but if you lose your life for his sake, then you will gain it.

B. What does it mean to be "centred on true love"?

1. *"Centered on true love" means that our family's purpose of existence is true love.*
2. *Living according to the way of true love.*
 - The way of true love is to live for others.
 - We live for others, serve others, care for others ahead of ourselves.
3. *We seek the goal of true love.*
 - True Love is the pole star, the ultimate goal and purpose of my family.
4. *We are guided by true love.*
 - True love is the standard by which we measure our lives.
 - True love is the standard according to which we make decisions.
5. *The purpose of our existence is true love.*
 - I don't live for myself, but for love.
 - I value love more than my very life.
 - My purpose is bound up with the welfare of others, most importantly the welfare of the greater wholes of which I am a part (family, society, nation, world).

(to be continued...) (from the book "True Family Values" by Wilson and Pak <http://www.hsabooks.com/books>)

Letters and Emails Received

Dear John, Thank you for sharing this with us. [Comprehensive Sex Education proposals defeated at UN] Good news indeed!! May our God continue to strengthen your hands and everyone who's involved in this work. Much blessing. Pastor Lara

Hi John, Many thanks , Nice reading , [M.F. Update] Keep the tight walk for sake of morality and God given ways and means. William Nkata

Thanks so much for the Update. I will share it also with others. Pastor Wunmi Ogunfowokan

Thank you. This is very interesting. [M.F. Update] Julian

Littlehampton Gazette – April 21st 2016: **Rising abuse of public space** - *For a long time we've been seeing the gradual demise of genuine public spaces that goes with the rise of "me" mentality. You go into the street and someone on a mobile phone passes by yelling obscenities; you go to a pub restaurant and there's a group of people foul mouthing at a waiter. So you look at Twitter and someone is offloading every swear word they know on to the social media site – all because these are public spaces and they are 'the public'. They are in fact individuals usurping public spaces for themselves. It isn't "free speech" because free speech is not the same as a lack of basic social intelligence and respect for the rights and wellbeing of others. Free speech has its own in-built responsibility. Something of this has spread to the equally public space of advertising. Last year bus shelters carried a large advert of a girl in lacy underwear with her fingers on her...anatomy. Just recently, huge billboards advertising cheap clothing used thick, foot-high letters which represent an obscene phrase. These are unpleasant calculated assaults on public advertising space for the financial gain of certain parties. They degrade everyday life, influence the young and set a worrying precedent for the future, and no-one seems willing to take any responsibility. In fact, councils are not generally aware of what goes on in public advertising, let alone having a say in it. So it's left to the public to try complaining to Trading Standards and The Advertising Standards Authority – if they get round to it. This obviously isn't a completely satisfactory state of affairs. Is anyone anywhere likely to take some responsibility over what gets put up on large adverts?* Jacqueline Deeks, Wendy Ridge, Rustington

How gender ideology harms children

The American College of Paediatricians strikes a much-needed note of sanity and compassion

Amid the growing confusion surrounding gender, clear thinking is desperately needed – clear thinking such as is found in a recent statement issued by the American College of Paediatricians. The statement calls on educators and legislators to 'reject all policies that condition children to accept as normal a life of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex' and makes eight affirmations: **1. Human sexuality is an objective biological binary trait: 'XY' and 'XX' are genetic markers of health - not genetic markers of a disorder.** The norm for human design is to be conceived either male or female. Human sexuality is binary by design with the obvious purpose being the reproduction and flourishing of our species... **2. No one is born with a gender. Everyone is born with a biological sex. Gender (an awareness and sense of oneself as**

male or female) is a sociological and psychological concept; not an objective biological one. No one is born with an awareness of themselves as male or female; this awareness develops over time and, like all developmental processes, may be derailed by a child's subjective perceptions, relationships, and adverse experiences from infancy forward. People who identify as 'feeling like the opposite sex' or 'somewhere in between' do not comprise a third sex. They remain biological men or biological women. **3. A person's belief that he or she is something they are not is, at best, a sign of confused thinking.** When an otherwise healthy biological boy believes he is a girl, or an otherwise healthy biological girl believes she is a boy, an objective psychological problem exists that lies in the mind not the body, and it should be treated as such. These children suffer from gender dysphoria...**4. Puberty is not a disease and puberty-blocking hormones can be dangerous. Reversible or not, puberty-blocking hormones induce a state of disease - the absence of puberty - and inhibit growth and fertility in a previously biologically healthy child.** **5. According to the DSM-V [Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association], as many as 98% of gender confused boys and 88% of gender confused girls eventually accept their biological sex after naturally passing through puberty.****6. Children who use puberty blockers to impersonate the opposite sex will require cross-sex hormones in late adolescence.** Cross-sex hormones (testosterone and estrogen) are associated with dangerous health risks including but not limited to high blood pressure, blood clots, stroke and cancer.**7. Rates of suicide are twenty times greater among adults who use cross-sex hormones and undergo sex reassignment surgery, even in Sweden which is among the most LGBTQ-affirming countries...****8. Conditioning children into believing a lifetime of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful is child abuse.** Endorsing gender discordance as normal via public education and legal policies will confuse children and parents, leading more children to present to 'gender clinics' where they will be given puberty-blocking drugs... [American College of Paediatricians, Gender ideology harms children, March 2016.] *The two articles concerning transgender issues are published by permission of Family Education Trust*

The week we nearly lost [Euthanasia]

By Antonia Tully

The week Monday 22nd – Monday 29th February, 2016, is a week Anne and Mike Clarke will never forget. It was also an important week for Anne's mother, Margaret; it was the last week of her life. But this was a week the whole family nearly lost. Margaret was 95 years old and had been admitted to hospital with a suspected stroke in early February. From the outset Anne and Mike felt that the hospital saw Margaret as just another old lady who was going to die soon. Some staff were attentive, but "it was patchy", says Anne. "Nobody really wanted to listen to us. We felt we were on a downward slope from the beginning." Then came the fateful Friday. On 19th February Anne and Mike were told that Margaret was going to die within the next few days and that all food and fluids would be stopped. Anne was devastated. She couldn't bear the thought of her mother being left to die with no food or water. So she stood her ground and questioned the doctor about his decision. Eventually the doctor agreed to wait until the following Monday before removing the nasal tube through which Margaret was hydrated. "It was disgusting," recalls

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Mike. "They were talking to Anne about taking away the tube in front of Margaret. Margaret could hear everything. In the end I said to the nurse, 'You're asking my wife to kill her mother.' The nurse just looked down and walked away. The hospital wanted to give morphine to Margaret." "But she wasn't in pain", says Anne. "I said to the staff, 'this is just like the Liverpool Care Pathway.' They said, 'Oh we don't use that anymore.' To me it's exactly the same. Also the dietician wanted to reduce the feeding supplement." Over the weekend 20th-21st February, Anne and Mike contacted family members to explain what was happening. One relative suggested that they should get in touch with Patients First Network, a service offered by SPUC to support and advise in situations where euthanasia is immediately threatened. "We spoke to Patients First Network on Sunday evening," remembers Anne. "they said that we should ask to see the consultant again. They emailed us a list of questions to ask at the meeting. As time was short, they suggested that we put a note on the outside of Mum's hospital folder saying that the tube was not to be removed until we had met with the consultant." In the event, Mike and Anne saw a more senior consultant on Monday 22nd February. He agreed to leave the tube in, but if it came out for any reason, they would not re-insert it. In the week that followed, Margaret's grandson flew in from the other side of the world. "She really brightened up when she saw him", says Anne. "Our other sons who live abroad sent video messages to mum. She loved it. She knew we were with her." Email messages circulated around the family; a record of marvellous memories of a loving lady. But Anne felt that the hospital was against her. "The pressure was definitely there for me to get rid of mum", she says. Anne is convinced that if she hadn't fought for her mother's last days, they would have lost them. "There was another lady in the same ward," she says. "On that same Friday they took the fluid tube out of her. She died on Sunday night. That would have been my mum too." Margaret died naturally on Monday, 29th February. Her family mourn her loss, but they will always treasure those precious days of saying goodbye which they nearly lost. *Names have been changed for this article. Patients First Network is a patient advocacy group dedicated to protecting people where euthanasia is immediately threatened. Our Telephone Support Service offers advice and support, so that good care and medical treatment are given until natural death. If you would like to register with PFN please call us on 02070917091 and we will send you a copy of our brochure. Or email us at; information@spuc.org.uk This article was published in the May 2016 edition of PRO-LIFE TIMES*

The state, the media, academia and feminists vs the family

James Bartholomew

Journalist and author James Bartholomew cited several examples of how an unholy 'SMAF' alliance (state, media, academia and feminists) had conspired against the family in key areas of public policy. **Childcare:** In the late 1970s and early 1980s, the childcare specialist, Jay Belsky, concluded that there was little if any scientific evidence that third-party childcare does children any harm. As he continued to advance this claim, he was widely applauded and was awarded a prize from the American Psychological Association. But by 1986, he found

himself unable to continue speaking about the positive benefits of childcare. There was, by then, a slow and steady trickle of disconcerting evidence indicating certain risk factors associated with childcare in the first year of a child's life. Belsky found himself the subject of aggressive attacks. He was accused of being against women working outside the home. He was astonished that his cautious remarks had been met with such hostility from both academia and the media. But he came to see that he had broken the Eleventh Commandment of the field of academic child development: 'Thou shalt not speak ill of day-care' **Lone parenthood and divorce:** While researching his book, *The Welfare of Nations*, James Bartholomew visited Sweden. He was intrigued by the fact that Sweden had the second highest rate of out-of-wedlock births in the OECD. He asked Swedish experts whether they were bothered by this and whether any research had been undertaken to investigate whether children were damaged by it. But the question was met with bafflement. The Swedish academic Andreas Bergh explained that divorce is viewed positively in Sweden because it shows that a woman is able to live independently of a man. Divorce is celebrated in a book published in Sweden in 2011 entitled, *Happy, Happy*, with a cover design depicting hearts with wings floating into the air. Feminism has taken such a strong hold in Sweden that it is unthinkable to contemplate anything that might get in the way of the freedom and independence of women. The possibility that divorce or early day-care might damage children in any way is not to be considered. Thus feminism, like academia and the media, is acting against the interests of the family in general and of children in particular.

Taxation and the family: In spite of an enormous national debt in the aftermath of the Second World War, in 1950 a married man with two children earning an average wage did not pay any income tax at all. He received a married couples' allowance of £180 (amounting to almost half average annual earnings) and a further allowance of £60 per child. By 1976, however, a family with two children paid income tax even if the sole breadwinner was in receipt of only half the average wage. While changes in tax policy adversely affected the married family, lone parents were advantaged – something that had never been envisaged in the immediate post-War period. William Beveridge, the architect of the welfare state, made no mention of any subsidy for lone parents. There was an expectation that lone parents would have to live with their own parents. As a consequence, lone parenthood was relatively rare. But in the 1970s, having a child was a passport for a young single woman to acquire her own home, with no requirement to seek work until her youngest child was 16. These state incentives contributed to a boom in lone parenthood, making the UK, after Ireland, the lone parenting capital of Europe. The consequences for children were so disastrous that this policy merits being called 'a crime against children'. **Care for the elderly:** In Spain, Italy and Portugal, more than 50 per cent of unpartnered women over the age of 65 live with their children, whereas in Denmark the figure is just three per cent. Why? Is it purely a matter of traditional culture or the influence of the Catholic church? Or are there other factors at work? And does it matter? Research demonstrates that elderly married couples tend to be happy, but after the death of a spouse, the survivor is likely to be lonely and depressed. In a retirement home, the depression may become worse. It is significantly better for the elderly to live with or near their children. In Sweden, Belgium and Germany there used to be a legal requirement for children to look after their elderly parents.

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Holly Willoughby left visibly shaken by description of abortion



24 May 2016. TV presenter Holly Willoughby was left visibly shaken and upset on *This Morning* when a guest explained the procedure for a late-term abortion. The mother-of-three covered her mouth with her hands and could be heard exclaiming “My God, no!” during a discussion on the daytime

TV programme about how late abortions are carried out and the physical effect on the unborn child. Journalist and expectant mother Nilufer Atik and agony aunt Hilary Freeman were both guests on ITV programme *This Morning* for a debate over Britain’s abortion laws, focusing particularly on late-term abortions. The debate was being held because of the recent decision by the Royal College of Midwives to join the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) in campaigning for full decriminalisation of abortion on demand up to birth. As SPUC reported, there has been a fierce backlash by midwives against the RCM’s announced change of stance. In particular, Cathy Warwick’s position has been called into question after it emerged that the Chief Executive of the RCM is also the chair of BPAS and has been heavily involved in their work for at least five years. On *This Morning*, Holly became increasingly uncomfortable as Nilufer went into detail about the “barbaric” procedures of late-term abortions. “What is the difference between aborting that child the day before he or she is due to be born and murdering that child the instant he or she is born. I don’t see the difference. The child is still a fully formed human being who has a right to live,” Nilufer said. “I think a lot of people don’t realise, in the very late stages of pregnancy how barbaric an abortion is. The fetus is literally dismembered inside of you.” Hilary then interjected, claiming: “That’s not the case. In late terminations a woman has to go through full childbirth.” Nilufer continued: “Well that’s what I’ve read and been told... That is in itself is traumatic. If they can’t get the baby out I’ve been told that they might crush the spine or skull with forceps.” At this point Holly audibly gasped and exclaimed “Oh God, no!” as she struggled to listen to the women discussing the procedure. She then covered her face with her hands as co-presenter Philip Schofield quickly interjected to try to bring the conversation back to broader terms. *Published by permission of SPUC.*

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Young and Willmott, in their classic 1950s study of family life in East London, found an extraordinary web of supportive family networks which had preceded the welfare state. But care of elderly parents within the family is now much less common than it once was. In the Netherlands, social insurance covers residential care for the elderly. The state thereby has created an expectation that the elderly will be cared for outside the family. It is not anticipated that their children will play a role in their care. Similar attitudes and expectations are now being found in Britain. **Undermining the family** : The state has undermined the family at both ends of the age spectrum – for children, and the elderly. The diminution of the role of the family varies between nations, but the general trend is the same. There is a movement towards de-familisation – a widespread decline in the importance and respect shown to the family. As the family is undermined, the state increases in power and in self-belief. It

grows in the conviction that it has a right and a duty to interfere more in family life. It is assumed that parents are not to be trusted, while at the same time we are told that the state is to be trusted – a belief not borne out by experience. There will always be some bad parents, but no parent is as reliably bad, self-righteous and damaging to children as the state. We have a duty to fight back against SMAF – a duty: to unborn children, who will be happier and have a better chance in life if they are brought up by two married parents; to work for a society that will be more civil if more children are brought up in this way; to older and more frail people who would be happier if they could live with, or nearer, their own children. We have the truth, the data, and the interests of children on our side. We must never tire of fighting. *Published by permission of Family Education Trust*

Oklahoma - Bishop Coakley: ‘Battle lines are being drawn very clear’

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma, June 21, 2016 (LifeSiteNews) – The “Battle lines are being drawn very clear” in the clash between government overreach and morality Archbishop Paul S. Coakley wrote in a column published this week, noting the battle is between the forces of “Light and darkness.” According to Archbishop Coakley, “It’s about more than restrooms.” He charges that the federal government is allied with “powerful economic forces” to change fundamental human relationships such as marriage and the family and use the public schools to do it. The strategy is to persuade the next generation to “acknowledge and accept” that gender is a “matter of personal expression rather than biology. Consequently, if a boy self-identifies as a girl, then he ought to be allowed to use the girl’s restroom or locker room in any school that accepts government funding.” Like many heartland states, Oklahoma legislators have tried to pass a “washroom law” restricting school washrooms and change rooms to people of the same biological sex (Oklahoma’s failed in committee). The state also joined Texas’s recent lawsuit claiming President Barack Obama’s threat to withdraw education funds from schools that refuse to let trans students into the rooms of their choice is unconstitutional. The archbishop warned that already anyone who is “labelled a bigot, a homophobe and a ‘hater,’” will likely face economic and legal penalties. (When the state House of Representatives considered the bathroom bill, the two biggest chambers of commerce lobbied against the measure for fear of economic sanctions by big businesses). Coakley said transgenderism flies in the face of “science, philosophy, theology and the accumulated wisdom of every culture.” Gender differences are objectively real, “rooted in biology and more fundamentally, they are rooted in the design of the Creator.”

Coakley termed the root motivation “demonic,” because people who are rightly considered creatures of God claim to create their own reality, and reject the bodies and genders given them by God. The fight is not over human rights, summarizes the archbishop, but over humanity accepting its place in creation. “It seems clear to me that battle lines are being drawn very clear. And, these lines are about more than government overreach. This is a spiritual battle between Light and darkness.” He concludes: “Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle!”