

# Morality Forum Update

*Standing up for family values in society*

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## Interfaith Harmony Week and Human Brotherhood Day

IAPD Meeting for the Culture of Peace - Italy, February 15, 2021

"The occasion that brings us together today is the celebration of two great and significant anniversaries of the United Nations, the "World Day of Human Brotherhood" and the "World Week of Harmony Among Faiths." With these words and quoting Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the UN, who urged to "do more to promote tolerance, understanding and cultural and religious dialogue", Gabriella Mieli, moderator of the event, opened on Monday, February 15 the webinar meeting "Building bridges across borders: fraternity, shared prosperity, universal values". The event was organized by the "Interreligious Association for Peace and Development" (IAPD-Italy), a project of the "International Federation for Peace" (UPF-Italy), in collaboration with the  
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### GENERAL IMPORTANT NEWS

#### A major study finds that teenagers who believe in God are likely to get better exam results

Teenagers who believe in God are likely to get better exam results than those who don't. The study based on questionnaires from Lancaster University researchers and completed by 8,000 teenagers, stated that the advantage appears to come from religious belief and has nothing to do with whether a pupil goes to an academically strong faith school. The report said: 'Belief is more important than the faith of the institution.' Children aged 14 who say that faith is important typically go on to pass more GCSEs than non-believing pupils. The difference amounts to more than a third of an extra GCSE on average. The study revealed that the better exam results were not connected to self-confidence, sociability, work ethic, or the sense of control that young people have over their lives, in relation to pupils from stable family backgrounds with good incomes.

Romans 8:28: And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Proverbs 3: 5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

#### The UK Government's "reckless and irrational" Pandemic strategy

Dr John Lee in an excellent article in the Daily Mail on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, highlighted the disastrous reality of the UK Government's pandemic strategy: "My darkest predictions have come true...this is catastrophic... Amidst all the anguished propa-

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Women's Federation for World Peace. "We live in an era of great progress, but where often selfish personal, economic and political interests prevail. The IAPD aims to bring out the need for spirituality in politics, culture, media, economics and education and through concrete initiatives to guide society towards peace and the ideal of "One Human Family with God." With these words, Michele Cavallotto, coordinator of IAPD-Italy, opened the panel.

After "Amazing Grace", one of the most famous Christian hymns, Gabriella Mieli, read the message of Rabbi Barbara Aiello, the first woman rabbi in Italy and founder of the Progressive Jewish Pluralist Movement. The religious woman spoke of three practical experiences lived together with her community, of how to build bridges of brotherhood: the participation in the final dinner of Ramadan, at a Sufi community; the opening to the public of the synagogue, during a city festival, with the exhibition of the Torah scrolls; and the celebration, with the parish priest and the local Catholic community, of Jewish holidays.

The Rabbi then spoke about her appearance at the United Nations, where she outlined her interfaith programs and activities. This was followed by a message from Imam Nader Akkad, Ph.D. and researcher. "We can build bridges in five ways: first, recognizing man in his integrity as a soul body, with his right to spirituality, to a respected faith of his own; second, man's right to peace and for that to work for the reconciliation of conflicts; third, building and practicing solidarity; fourth, creating the culture of tolerance in saying and doing; fifth and last, is that of fraternity, equality, recognizing each other as brothers and sisters with equal rights. The Imam then urged the practice of the teachings of the sacred texts and to become builders of peace and dialogue".

For Francesco Canale, Evangelical Pastor, "we must identify the bridging values that unite and help us to understand others' understanding of God. These principles can be represented in three steps: in the passage of confrontation and dialogue, which initially creates a mutual bond; in the confrontation of love, which nurtures mutual knowledge and respect; and finally in communion, which creates union. What we are doing today is important, to practice thinking in terms of bridges, to share values that build bridges, and to create a culture that is always willing to eliminate contention and facilitate dialogue." Don Valentino Cottini, the catholic priest and professor of Islamic-Christian Relations, stressed "the importance of charity, capable of going beyond the limits of one's own culture and religion. Charity is not easy as true interreligious dialogue is not easy, because it demolishes many cultural barriers and requires infinite patience and delicacy". Don Cottini recalled John Paul II's initiatives, such as the 1986 Assisi meeting; Pope Francis' meeting with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar; and the Encyclical "Brothers All." He concluded by stating "that religions are a sign and instrument of hope if they agree to collaborate in charity."

After the musical break "The Gift of Love," the First World Interfaith Hymn, performed by Sami Yusuf, Luis Miguel Pereira Castrillon, bishop of the "Anglican Episcopal Church of Europe" took the floor. "The highest expression of power is to reach out to the stranger, and as ministers, we have the task not only to reinforce the spiritual message to our faithful but also to touch the heart of each person with whom we speak. This is to achieve a two-way communication, upwards, with the Creator, but above all downwards, to find the other person and recognize him or her the same value that we claim for ourselves. Regardless of his language, the colour of his skin, the place where he was born and the creed he was taught." Tibetan Buddhist monk Tenzin Khentse explained how "as noble as the image of building bridges is, these structures are created to overcome natural obstacles, but barriers, borders, barbed wires, cultural, ethnic, religious walls, are entirely artificial. The first thing to do is to break down these barriers that make us see the other, too much other. We don't have to make a lot of cultural and philosophical speeches, but simply invite the other person to your home, offer him dinner, make him participate in your holidays and celebrate with him your New Year, your Easter and make him hear your song when you pray. These are the things that make a dent in people's hearts." Giampiero Leo, spokesperson for the Interfaith Coordination "We are with you", of the Piedmont Region, illustrated the activities of his association aimed at "supporting the victims of persecution, the recognition of the human right to religion, peace and human rights". He concluded by stating how solidarity leads to justice, shared prosperity and how important it is to cultivate a culture of tolerance and how fraternity is perhaps the only ideal, cultural and political force that can lead to confront the immense problems of our world".

David Fraser Harris, UPF Middle East, and North Africa secretary-general, emphasized how in times of suffering and loneliness it is good for united faiths to offer a voice that comforts, heals and gives hope. He then recalled the meeting celebrating the Day of Brotherhood on February 4, held by UPF in collaboration with Al-Liqa, the Centre for Religious and Heritage Studies of the Holy Land, which was attended by Monsignor Yoannis Lahzi Gaid, former Private Secretary of Pope Francis, and Judge Mohamed Abdel Salam, Secretary-General of the High Committee for Human Fraternity. Appealing then to religious leaders, he asked that "our love for the one God, our mutual respect and our passion for peace, shine and serve as a united voice, representing the loving God who is calling all his children home." Franco Ravaglioli, secretary-general of the International Federation for Peace (UPF-Italy) read the UPF Declaration on Interfaith Dialogue. The document calls for the creation of a Council of religious leaders of different faiths at the United Nations, who would collaborate with government representatives for lasting peace. He then concluded the meeting by recalling Pope Roncalli's (John XXIII) main teaching: "Seek what unites you, rather than what divides you" and quoting Mother Moon's words: "If we change our way of thinking from wanting to 'receive love' to wanting to 'give love,' world peace would be at the doorstep. My prayer is that you will make this motto your own: Peace Begins with Me."

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ganda that has underwritten state policy, there has been a severe lack of balanced, rational perspective. We cannot have a zero-Covid world, just as we cannot eliminate all risk from our lives... Tragically, tens of thousands of serious conditions, including cancer, have gone undiagnosed, while treatments are being delayed, operations abandoned and screening programmes curtailed... What is certain is the damage caused by lockdowns on every front, including economic meltdown, poor mental health, the inhumane neglect of the elderly and dislocated family relationships... The heavy-handedness of these measures has been out of all proportion to the level of threat... paralyzing authoritarianism in the name of public 'protection'... On the basis of a panic fuelled by dubious science... I described the Government's stance as 'reckless and irrational'. And that was before a further 10 months of crippling restrictions... Covid is not a new Black Death or Spanish Flu, no matter how many doom-laden, personal stories are aired by broadcasters... (Dr John Lee is a former professor of pathology and NHS consultant pathologist). Writing in the Daily Mail, on March 29th, Sir Rocco Forte stated: "It's no kind of 'freedom' that stops us travelling... To all intents and purposes we are living in a police state... Frankly, the Government's approach makes no sense... Instead, what we are going through now and we will face in the near future is thanks entirely to Government decisions - and is an unmitigated disaster... Throughout the crisis our Government, like most in Europe (with the exception of Sweden) has hidden behind the so-called 'science', although almost every official prediction has been proven wrong... (Sir Rocco Forte is Chairman of Rocco Forte Hotels)

## Freedom of Speech

There was an enormous controversy recently, concerning the right to freedom of speech in relation to the recent showing of images by the French satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo of the Prophet Mohammed at a school in Batley, Yorkshire. More than 100 Muslim parents and children demonstrated outside the school after the teacher showed the 'blasphemous' caricatures. The teacher who showed the images mentioned 'British values' as a justification for using the images, and 'freedom of expression.' In 2015 two Muslim brothers forced their way into the Charlie Hebdo magazine's office in Paris and killed 12 people. In October, 2020, teacher Samuel Paty was beheaded near his school in France, after showing the cartoons to young people.

Provoking and humiliating people for their sacred, deeply held religious beliefs - for whom their whole way of life is based on their religion - only shows that the people who would use such offensive methods are morally bankrupt. Freedom of speech comes within limits and boundaries within civilised societies. Government guidance states about the need to promote respect and tolerance between people of different faiths and beliefs, including which materials to use in the classroom. It was very unwise of the Batley school to allow such a scenario to materialise, especially given the previous killings concerning the Charlie Hebdo images. Such killings cannot be justified; just as showing such offensive cartoons cannot be justified under the fig leaf of defending 'British values' and 'freedom of expression.'

## SPUC expands life-saving outreach to mothers and babies in their hour of need

Throughout the Covid-19 crisis the SPUC family has been here to protect unborn babies and provide help to women at their time of greatest need. The expansion of medical abortion means that more women need help, if they change their minds after taking the first of two abortion drugs. While some babies will survive the first abortion pill with no intervention, a medical treatment using progesterone is available, which greatly increases the survival rates. SPUC is helping women connect with pro-life doctors who can help them reverse their medical abortion. The team at the Abortion Recovery and Care Helpline (ARCH) have also been fully available to take calls of women, and men, suffering after an abortion experience, and have successfully risen to the challenge of a higher-than-average call volume during the last 12 months. Women who have experienced abortion continue to find healing and hope through this work. In the meantime, the Alma Mater Fund, an SPUC initiative, has expanded its efforts to reach women. The initiative provides pregnant students at university with financial grants and support once their babies are born. Nicola is one young woman helped by the programme: "I was so stressed about how I could provide for my son, but the Alma Mater Fund provided support and information about where I can receive further help." Her Voice is another of SPUC's newest projects. It provides a platform for women to share their experiences of abortion and to help other women. Her Voice encourages politicians and other public figures to take a pledge to listen to the voices of women who have suffered after abortion. These services are entirely funded by Donors to SPUC and the SPUC Education and Research Trust. Thank you for bringing hope and healing to so many women. Abortion pill reversal: [abortionpillreversal.ie](http://abortionpillreversal.ie) or call SPUC on 02070917091. Abortion Recovery and Care Helpline: 03456038501. Alma Mater Fund: 07849088244. Her Voice: 01412212094

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## The devastating impact for young people caused by the Sexual Revolution

By John O'Neill

Recently in the UK evidence has emerged concerning sexual abuse experienced by numerous women and girls in schools and universities. Many women staff have reported sex assaults and harassment by male pupils according to the NASUWT Union, which has 314,000 members. *Everyone's Invited* website collated 12,000 testimonies detailing sexual abuse of girls by male students in different parts of the UK. Dr Patrick Roach, general secretary of NASUWT, said female teachers are suffering from the same sexist and misogynist behaviour as girls have complained of. He told the union's annual conference that, "Misogyny and sexism are all too real, all too apparent - whether it's on the streets or in our schools." A motion debated at the conference stated bullying and intimidation including 'sexual harassment and misogyny' is 'prevalent' in schools. Dr Roach said that school management needed to take more responsibility for pupils' predatory behaviour. "Something has got to change in which the voice of teachers and students is respected, valued and listened to."

More than one in 20 women have been raped since they were

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## DIY ABORTION – WHAT GPs THINK

SavantaComres carried out of a poll of 1,000 general practitioners in the UK. The poll was commissioned by SPUC and Christian Concern

1. The majority of GPs (57%) say they are concerned about women **having a medical abortion at home after a phone or video consultation with a doctor**. Just over a third (37%) say they are not concerned. 2. Three-quarters of GPs (74%) say they are concerned about women **finding it distressing potentially having to dispose of the terminated pregnancy either into the toilet or sanitary pads**. 21% say they are not concerned. 3. More than eight in ten GPs (86%) say they are concerned about women having a **medical abortion past the legal limit of ten weeks into gestation**. 9% say they are not concerned. 4. Eight in ten GPs (82%) say they are concerned about the possibility of **abortion pills being falsely obtained for another person with a telemedic abortion appointment where the doctor has not seen the woman in person**. 14% say they are not concerned. 5. More than eight in ten GPs (86%) say they are concerned about women being **at risk of being coerced into an abortion by a partner or family member with a telemedic abortion appointment where the doctor has not seen the woman in person**. 11% say they are not concerned. 6. More than eight in ten GPs (87%) say they are concerned about women being **at risk of unwanted abortion arising from domestic abuse by partners controlling or monitoring their actions with a telemedic abortion appointment where the doctor has not seen the woman in person**. 9% say they are not concerned. 7. When a woman has an abortion, **her physical safety is most commonly felt to be the most important consideration** (50%) by GPs. This is ahead of mental wellbeing (33%), privacy (6%) and comfort (2%). 8. After being presented with information about an investigation that found that abortion providers had sent abortion drugs to women who had given false personal information (for example, name, address or claimed gestation), the vast majority of GPs agreed with each of the following: 1. It is concerning that callers giving false information can easily obtain abortion drugs (90%). 2. Staff at abortion providers need to ensure that they are collecting correct medical and personal information to certify a woman for a home abortion (94%). 3. It is important that checks are put in place to ensure women being certified for abortion meet the legal criteria (94%)

## Reverend Franklin Graham wins his Court Case against Blackpool Council



Premier Christian Magazine: A Court has found that Blackpool Council were wrong to ban bus adverts about Franklin Graham's evangelistic event at the Lancashire Festival of Hope which took place at Winter Gardens in Blackpool in September 2018. The council received complaints about the bus campaign, predominantly about Franklin Graham's views on same sex marriage, and the advertisements were removed from the buses. In court, the council representative accepted that she had not checked if a different message could have been negotiated, nor had she paid regard to any

equality impacts when making the decision. She also accepted that she did not consider free speech or the right to freedom of expression when making the decision. The judge found that the "evidence as to why the advertisements were removed was varied and inconsistent." The council tried to argue that Franklin Graham's particular religious beliefs were unacceptable and therefore the council were entitled to discriminate against them. The judge concluded that this would defeat the purpose of discrimination law - ignoring the very beliefs that are to be protected.

The court found that the festival organisers had been "discriminated against because of their religious beliefs." The court held that the council had allied with one view on religious belief and against those holding the religious beliefs of the festival. The judge concluded that the Council had acted in a way that was "the antithesis of the manner in which a public authority should behave in a democratic society." The judge also ruled that Blackpool Council had shown "a wholesale disregard for the right to freedom of expression" of the festival organisers. The judgment notes that belief in marriage as between one man and one woman is widely "held by many religions, Christian and otherwise" and while some people may find this offensive, such views are not "extremist". The case makes clear that councils and local authorities must obey the law and respect the rights and freedoms of everyone. The ruling should be welcomed as a reminder that councils must work with, and respect the rights of those of all faiths and none. The judge was highly critical of how the council acted in this case. Their conduct is a cause for concern, but the ruling should offer reassurance that the law is clear on this matter. The widely held historic Christian view on marriage is protected by law. Freedom of religion and freedom of expression are fundamental rights which are protected. Offence is not illegal. This ruling confirms the freedom of everyone to share their beliefs in the public square and reminds local authorities and council of their duties to honour and protect those freedoms. Discrimination has been exposed. That should be welcomed by everyone.

### Morality Forum Action

After speaking about key moral, family issues at The Church of the Grace of God in Holloway Road, London N7, on February 21<sup>st</sup>, John O'Neill received very positive feedback from members of the congregation. John highlighted the importance of taking action to defend moral and family values, and of contacting MPs about key relevant issues.

*The question is, what the inner content of our heart is. Because only with the right heart can we make a big difference in this world: What is the right heart? It is the heart that is aligned with the heart of God, that loves as God loves, that sees the people of the world as God sees them, that longs for God's ideal world to come as God does etc. Our effort must be to reach such an alignment with God. As we are doing this, we are revolutionizing ourselves, the way God wants it: Revolutionizing our heart, our character, overcoming fallen elements within us, is what is needed to become highly successful people for God: Basically, every day we need to go forward in our heart: If we do this, then we will be a big success, attracting all the blessing from God.* Sent out by Bruno Klotz to relevant people on his email list. Bruno sends out a weekly spiritually inspirational email.

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## TRUE FAMILY VALUES MINISTRY

### Unification and Happiness

#### A. Unification

1. *Unification means becoming completely one.*
  - Becoming one does not mean losing your individuality. The partners maintain their individuality and enjoy seeing themselves reflected in their beloved. If there were complete merging and loss of individual identity, then there would be no reflection, no love, no joy. True unification takes place on the basis of free and harmonious sharing of love and beauty by two distinct entities. The greater the differences of the partners, the greater the excitement and beauty of their unification.
  - Unification is based on true love. It is not forced or coerced; dictatorship is false unification. Dictatorship can be physical (police power) or spiritual (evil laws, peer pressure, social customs). In oneness, the lover and beloved smoothly move into each other and out from each other. Physical love between husband and wife. The life pattern of parents and children (out from and back to the mother's arms and father's oversight). The play of brothers and sisters (hide and seek, tag, etc.). The workday (leaving home in the morning, returning home at night).
  - In oneness, each partner identifies with the interests of the other. Participation in each other's activities and lives; for example, the President's wife indirectly participates in his governing the country. Living together, by which we share each others joy and sorrow, strength and weakness, sickness and health, wealth and poverty. Inheritance; naturally the family possesses property in common, and the younger inherit from the elders (clothes, books, houses, land, business, etc.). Bonds of family and society are not coercive, but they are the strongest of bonds, because they are based upon the power of love. In true love, obligations are taken on by the will obedient to the conscience.
2. *The purpose of unification is to multiply.*
  - There is a universal pattern of a common origin, a division from the origin into two partners, and the re-unification of the partners into one body again, God is one. Within Him, masculinity and femininity, spirit and truth, idea and energy, harmonize in oneness. (These are called "dual characteristics" of God.) To multiply Himself in the creation, God's dual characteristics are manifested in separate entities, culminating in man and woman. Division is for the sake of the manifestation of love. Marxists taught "thesis-antithesis-synthesis," which is

a distortion of "origin-division-union." His fundamental error was that development comes through conflict (between thesis and antithesis). In truth, development comes through love (unification). These entities come together as subject partner and object partner to form a new unity. This unity embodies in manifest form God's dual characteristics. God's image is thus multiplied in an entity embodying, to whatever degree, the truth of God.

- Thus, the natural creative process is one of division followed by unification.
  - This is the way God's purpose of creation is realized.
3. *The same process of unification has to take place on many levels.*
    - Individual (mind-body).
    - Family (husband-wife, parents-children).
    - Society (teachers-students, managers-staff, clergy-members).
    - Nation and world (citizens-representatives, representatives-government)
  4. *A unified society is characterized by:*
    - Interdependence. Recognize our interdependence (we are dependent upon the people who bring the bread to the store, bake the bread, grow the wheat). Gratitude for the labours of others that sustain us. My value is that of the whole society, as my contribution benefits the whole. We sense the pain of those who suffer, because we feel God's parental heart. We voluntarily help and support those in need.
    - Common prosperity. I invest myself to develop my God-given abilities. I develop my abilities for the sake of satisfying others' needs and desires. As a result, I am rewarded by others. Thus I create wealth and happiness.
    - Universally shared values. There is agreement on basic moral principles, rooted in God. Our consciences share a common sense of what is right and true, because of our common origin in God. These principles are found, with greater or lesser emphasis, in all great religions, all cultures. We are drawn into cooperation to further righteousness. Righteous actions bring energy, happiness and progress.
  5. *Unification is the way to fulfil God's third purpose of creation, which is to multiply His own image through true love into a society and world manifesting the divine image.*

6. *Freedom, peace and unification are the social characteristics of the kingdom of Heaven. The result is true happiness, which is the object of everyone's desire.*

#### B. Happiness.

##### 1. *How joy is produced.*

Joy is produced when I behold, create, nurture or have give and take of true love with an object partner which reflects and elaborates my own nature.

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## Letters and Emails Received

Dear John, Thanks for the copy of the text you sent out to MPs. The most important point you made was the freedom which people should have to access whatever help they think can benefit them, but of course the liberal fascists can't tolerate such freedoms. Thanks for your work. Sammy [Wilson MP. About the controversial homosexual conversion therapy issue]

Dear John, I finally got round to reading "Autumn Morality Forum Update." It's full of good articles - some of which I've read. You are doing a good job! God Bless. Ian Kelly

Dear John O'Neill, Thank you for your email and for your kind words of encouragement regarding my speech in Parliament earlier this week. I talk with Steve [Baker MP] regularly so I am grateful to you for sharing with me the thoughts you sent to him. Sincerely, Richard [Fuller MP. Information about the pandemic]

Thank you, John. Biden, pushed by utterly immoral and selfish forces, is driving USA towards hell. At least there are patriots and good Republicans who are determined to pull him and his administration down. The situation is more grim in UK. We expected more from Boris Johnson. He is obviously not so strong as Trump on moral issues, and he had the cheek to congratulate Biden very soon after the fraudulent 3rd November elections. Keep well. Hamish

Dear Mr. O'Neill, I am writing on behalf of Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne who has asked me to thank you very much indeed for sending through the Winter edition of the Morality Forum Update. Kind regards. Karen Willmott. Personal Assistant to Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne

Thank you, John, for passing us the articles [Winter Morality Forum Update]. Very useful materials, thanks again. Trinity at Bowes Church, Palmers Green.

Thank you, I've signed the petition and sent to some friends who have signed and passed on to others. Sashi Deen. [Petition asking Home secretary to listen to stories of post-abortive women]

Hi John, Sorry I have been a little slow in replying to all the emails on the issue of conversion therapy. Thanks so much for the encouragement - much appreciated. Also, good to see you engage politically. Be blessed, Peter Lynas, UK Director Evangelical Alliance - eauk.org

Dear Mr O'Neill, Sir Graham has asked me to thank you for your email [about pandemic] which he has read with interest, and Sir Graham is grateful to you for getting in touch. Yours sincerely, MRS SYBIL J CROWTHER MBE. PRIVATE SECRETARY TO SIR GRAHAM BRADY MP

Dear John, Many thanks to those of you who recently wrote to your MP to call on the Secretary of State for Education to delay full implementation of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) until September 2021, to allow time for parental consultations to take place. I am happy to report that our lobbying, along with that of many other groups, has had a positive impact. The Department for Education has just published new guidance for schools in England. This states that schools can now delay introducing RSE until September 2021, instead of

during the Summer term 2021. This allows more time for purposeful consultations with parents to take place and no school now has an excuse not to do this. The new guidance reminds schools that they are "required by law to publish a Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy and to consult parents on this". We continue to campaign for parents to be able to withdraw their children from RSE. Only this ensures that parents' rights as the primary educators of their children are respected. SPUC Safe at School has published information for parents on how best to engage with their schools on RSE, and you may contact us for advice on these matters at any time, With all good wishes, Dr Tom Rogers. Safe at School. [www.safeatschool.org.uk](http://www.safeatschool.org.uk) [info@safeatschool.org.uk](mailto:info@safeatschool.org.uk)

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16, according to the UK Office for National statistics. The ONS estimates that, each year, one in 40 women aged between 16 and 24 in England and Wales experience rape or attempted rape. Testimonies from young teenage girls: "Boys talk about porn all the time in front of us. It makes me feel really uncomfortable..." "I was at a mixed boarding school...there was huge pressure on the younger girls to perform sex acts and send nude pictures..." "Right now, I just don't want to be around boys. It doesn't matter where they are from or how educated or smart they are, rape culture is like a virus in schools - and none of them believe that what they are doing is wrong." "At my friend's school, there is a remote corridor that none of the girls will go down on their own because boys will shove their hands up their skirts."

We live in a culture which glorifies sex through highly sexualised mainstream music videos and rap music. Our permissive society ridicules most of our basic ethical and moral values such as abstinence. We are bombarded daily by the images and messages that are imbued with sexual connotations from the electronic and print media, advertisers and magazines. Even the broadsheet newspapers often have salacious stories and lewd pictures featured in their publications. In this edition of the Update we see in the pornography article the devastating impact pornography has had on all age groups, but especially on young people. Porn has radicalised the way many boys behave. A survey by the NSPCC showed that two-thirds of 15 to 16-year-olds had seen pornography online, and nearly a third of 11 to 12-year-olds.

Before the advent of the sexual revolution and the permissive society in the 1960's sex education was not necessary in our UK schools. Do birds and animals need sex education lessons? Sex education in many of our schools only teaches young people the mechanics of sex, taking away their innocence and their purity. The reality is that amoral sex education lessons have been grooming young people to be promiscuous and to treat sexual relationships as though they are a recreational sport. Nothing at all is mentioned about the virtues of chivalry, modesty, sexual purity and abstinence. Our religions teach us that immoral actions are a cardinal sin, and that sexual immorality is the most deeply rooted of all evils: Sodom and Gomorrah, the Roman Empire and Pompeii were all destroyed because of immorality. *1 Cor. 10:8. We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a*

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*single day.* Studies show conclusively that immorality corrupts individuals and destroys societies. (J.D. Unwin. Study of 88 civilisations in 1940's) The reality is that the sexual revolution and the permissive society has been an unmitigated disaster – the antithesis of our Creator's blueprint for a peaceful and harmonious world, which should be based on God-centred families, ethics and morals, and on universal shared values, mutual prosperity and interdependence. Because of the devastation caused by the sexual revolution, there are no absolutes anymore. Moral relativism. We make our own choices. Almighty God was cast out, and this was exemplified by the appalling decline of standards of good taste and decency in the media, etc. In the UK, when a religious ethos was last prevalent, the media etc., were kept in check because the religious ethos permeated into all areas of the society, including parliament. Sadly, over past decades the moral relativistic ideology has influenced various UK key government policies in a negative, secular, humanistic way, especially regarding policies on marriage and family. Prior to the advent of the sexual revolution divorce rates were very low. Our religions teach us that marriage is meant to be a lifelong commitment, a sacred covenant between a man and a woman; that the family is the most important institution. The universal truth and values embedded in the family transcend religion, culture, race and nationality. In the traditions of the major religions people make vows when they marry: *for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy law, in the presence of God I make this vow.*

Just as the Covid-19 virus is a “**Wake Up**” call from Almighty God, so also is the horrendous impact the sexual revolution is having in the UK, and also in all the advanced nations. Much more needs to be done to curb the cancer of pornography from destroying families and, in particular, from corrupting our young people. *Matthew 18:6, "but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depths of the sea."* Organisations such as the National Centre on Sexual Exploitation are doing sterling work to combat porn, and are obtaining significant results. Let us keep in our prayers that righteous Godly men and women will be able to come to the forefront at this time, and to be in key political positions -people who will understand about the stark, devastating reality that the sexual revolution is having in our world today - and who will be prepared to make it a number one priority to do something about it. Also, may we all do our best to support organisations such as the NCOSE and other similar like-minded organisations, and to act ourselves whenever we see harmful, destructive immoral, negative influences. By taking personal responsibility ourselves, we can all play our part in small ways in helping to defeat the negative, destructive influences caused by the sexual revolution. Giving relevant people the indisputable facts about the devastation caused by the sexual revolution means that they cannot say that it was never made clear to them about the harm they were doing in directly/indirectly supporting promiscuous, harmful, sexual content, and it can be a “Wake Up” call for them. Special thanks to the Redeemed Christian Church of God, which is a Mega church with numerous churches throughout Europe. We have been sending the M.F. Update to the RCCG European headquarters, as well as forwarding to them various petitions etc. There has been a very positive response from the RCCG

leadership who have cooperated with various very serious moral/family initiatives by forwarding relevant information to all their churches, with the instruction that they take action. Our hope is that many more large religious organisations from all the different religions will follow the example of the RCCG leadership in motivating their members to support relevant initiatives. Such actions will surely give Almighty God more power to work in helping to curtail the devastating effects of the sexual revolution. *Ephesians 5:11 "Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them". Martin Luther king Junior: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."*

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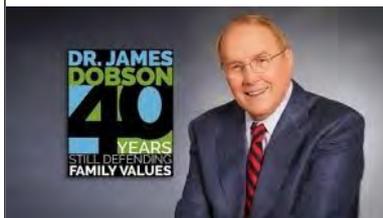
The latest DIY abortion leaflets and pamphlets from The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, and the latest SPUC *Alive* newsletter and Safe at School Bulletins continue to be widely distributed to numerous religious organisations. The Safe at School Bulletins are also given to numerous people on the streets. To order these different SPUC items for distribution: email: [information@spuc.org.uk](mailto:information@spuc.org.uk) Tel: 02070917091

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, together with other members of the Harrow branch of SPUC, John O'Neill delivered DIY abortion information leaflets in the South Harrow and Little Stanmore areas of NW London.

Information fact sheets, and the results of academic studies concerning key moral, family issues are continually sent to relevant people such as journalists, MP's etc.

## James Dobson: Christians must 'stand up' against 'horrible reality' of Biden admin before it's too late

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Christian conservative leader James Dobson is urging Americans to take a public stand before it's "too late" against President Joe Biden's "radically-left agenda"

that has brought the nation to a point where it is "teetering on the edge." "It's more clear than ever that our nation is teetering on the edge," said Dobson, who has advised five presidents on faith and family matters over four decades, in a March 26 piece published on his website. "Are Christians, at long last, aware of this horrible reality? And are we finally ready to stand up and let our voices be heard, before it is forever too late?" he added. Dobson, a psychologist and author, founded pro-family organizations Focus on the Family and Family Research Institute. He is now leading the Dr. James Dobson Family Institute.

Commenting on Biden's first press conference, he said the president has acted as a "divider." "Joe Biden has acted as a divider, rather than fulfil his promise to unite the country. He

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has advanced far-left policies — most often by executive order — and continues to blame President Trump for problems that he is creating, even as he takes credit for successes he inherited,” he said. “Through it all President Biden nevertheless accuses Republicans of ‘continuing the politics of division.’ (He even questioned whether the Republican party would still be here in 2024?!) How this man could say such things with a straight face is beyond me. Yet, it seems that he is willing to say anything to cram his radically-left agenda down the throats of all Americans,” he added.

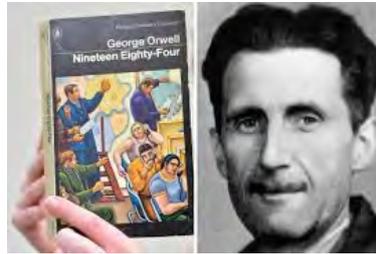
Dobson said that “freedom-loving Americans and people who hold true to our Judeo-Christian values should rightfully be outraged” over Biden’s “lies” and his plans for a “radical re-making of America.” In a February newsletter, Dobson spelled out more concretely his fears regarding what he sees Biden doing to America. “Tragically, from his first day in office, President Joe Biden began to reveal his radical agenda for our nation. When joined with the influence of Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer, a sweeping takeover by the radical left is occurring at lightning speed. They have seized power in all three branches of government, and it is operating pell-mell without checks and balances. The movement we are witnessing actually began more than a half-century ago with the objective of creating a socialist-totalitarian state. Suddenly, it appears to be within reach,” he said. “This is a deeply troubling time for those of us who love our constitutional republic. Who would have believed that a coup of this scope could occur overnight within this greatest nation on earth? Cherished freedoms that have been enjoyed and protected for 232 years are now in serious jeopardy. Among them are religious liberty, free speech, and the right to own and bear arms. Everything that has defined America is being threatened or destroyed,” he added. Dobson said that Biden’s “cultural revolution” that aims at “jerking the nation 180 degrees to the left” is being accomplished through a flurry of executive orders that bypass the legislative process.

In his first week in office, Biden signed 21 executive orders. This number takes on more significance when compared to Trump’s four, Obama’s five, Bush’s zero, and Clinton’s two. While Biden’s “overreach is apparently legal, it is an audacious expression of raw power,” commented Dobson. “From re-joining the World Health Organization and the Paris Climate Agreement, to halting the border wall, limiting immigration enforcement, requiring non-citizens to be counted within our national census for legislative redistricting purposes, and welcoming transgender individuals into our armed forces, Joseph R. Biden and his liberal colleagues have just begun their efforts to fundamentally transform our sweet land of liberty,” he said. In his April newsletter, Dobson warned that “Western Civilization appears to be on the verge of collapse. Not since the Civil War has there been such consternation about who we are as a people and where the culture appears to be headed,” he said. “Thirty years ago, I called this struggle a ‘civil war of values.’ I also said that unless we rose to defend it, the battle for the heart and soul of our nation would be lost.” “That is exactly what was and is happening,” he said.

## George Orwell’s ‘1984’ is so apt for our times, it’s surprising it hasn’t already been banned

*A good test of whether or not there has been a totalitarian coup in our society is to watch what happens to ‘1984’ -*

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(Turning Point Project)— There’s an almost dream-like quality to the events of the last 12 months. Depending on their political/cultural views, the dream will be experienced by

some as pleasant, by others as disturbing, and by still others as nightmarish. For those in the latter category, “It can’t happen here” has been replaced by “It is happening here” or, for the more pessimistic, “It has happened here.” For those who take the more pessimistic view, the “it” that has happened has been variously described as a “cultural revolution,” a “leftist coup”, a “totalitarian takeover,” or simply as “the end of America.” Actually, a great many things are happening all at once, and new developments crop up daily, so it’s difficult to find the term that captures it all. Rather than try to do that, I’d like to focus on the strangeness of it all. Other nations have experienced similar upheavals, but much of what has happened is new to Americans. One of the most striking features of the great change which has occurred is its suddenness. The “takeover”—if that’s the right word— occurred almost overnight. Practically no one was prepared for the revelation that many Americans had a deep-seated hatred of American values, history, and heroes. Fewer still realized that almost all of corporate America had forged a tacit alliance with the left. And only a handful realized that the same corporate world would turn out to be the chief enemy of our civil liberties. The closest historical analogy to our present rapid “reset” is the cultural revolution of the sixties. Those years were packed with momentous events: the civil rights movement, the sexual revolution, and the assassination of a president, to mention a few. Yet, compared to the last 12 months, the sixties seem like a tube ride down the lazy river in your local water park. The past year has been more like a roller coaster ride with the Joker at the controls, and Batman nowhere in sight. Moreover, while the civil rights movement of the sixties resulted in an expansion of rights, those now in power — many of them heirs of the sixties cultural revolution — seem set on a contraction of rights. The current cultural revolution doesn’t seek greater freedom for people, but greater control over them—in fact, total control.

And this brings us back to the dream-like (or nightmarish) quality of current events. We seem to be caught up in something like a science fiction story or a dystopian novel — something like 1984. 1984. It’s the book that seems to jump immediately to the minds of conservative commentators reaching for an analogy to describe the present state of things. Phrases like “Thought Police,” “Ministry of Truth,” and “memory hole” are very much in vogue once again. And it’s no coincidence that

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Mark Steyn just finished reading a serialization of 1984 for his "Tales for Our Times" series. Almost every page has passages that are eerily reminiscent of today's news. Steyn refers to the novel as Orwell's "excessively timely tale." A good test of whether or not there has been a totalitarian coup in our society is to watch what happens to 1984. Will it remain in print or will it go down the memory hole? Can the "Party" afford to let such a subversive book continue to circulate?

You might think that the powers-that-be wouldn't dare to treat the classic book about totalitarianism in a totalitarian manner. To cancel 1984 would be too obviously hypocritical; the irony would be lost on no one. But people with absolute power don't care much about the irony or hypocrisy of their actions. When you control almost everything — the government, the schools, the media, big tech, and major corporations — what does it matter what the public thinks? Almost the first thing President Biden did upon taking office was to sign an order making it possible for schoolboys to shower with girls — a policy which the great majority of the general public considers to be entirely wacky. Still, to be on the safe-side, you might want to prep the public for the cancellation of Orwell. He could be made out to be a racist, an imperialist, or whatever slander would be deemed effective. As for the book itself, it could be condemned as reflecting a mid-century, white, xenophobic perspective — or something of that nature. The people who speak for giant monopolies don't have to come up with a plausible explanation. Any explanation will do. Recently, Facebook pulled an ad for Paul Kengor's new book *The Devil and Karl Marx*. The reason? "Ad Can't Run: Temporary Restriction on Ads About Social Issues, Elections, or Politics." Also banned were ads for Kimberly Cook's *Motherhood Redeemed*, and Regina Doman's *Stations of the Cross for Kids*. The Facebook excuse for cancelling the latter? "Ad must not contain shocking, sensational, inflammatory or excessively violent content." As Kengor remarked, "There's always a reason." What might be the reason for banning 1984? Most probably the novel would be framed as a danger to the public. Some people, it will be said, will misunderstand the book and use it to incite others to overturn the government. That was more or less the excuse used by Simon & Schuster to cancel the publication of Senator Josh Hawley's upcoming book, *The Tyranny of Big Tech*. Of course, it wouldn't look good for a big media company (Simon & Schuster is owned by Viacom CBS) to censor a book about big tech censorship. Consequently, Simon & Schuster refrained from attacking the book itself, but instead attacked the author. Referring to Hawley's supposed role in the Capitol Hill riot, the Simon & Schuster statement said "we... cannot support Senator Hawley after his role in what became a dangerous threat."

The New York Times article on the cancellation added that "Mr. Hawley... has been criticized for challenging the results [of the election] and accused of helping incite the mob that stormed the Capitol on Wednesday." The article went on to say that questioning the legitimacy of the election is an "incendiary position." Simon & Schuster, The New York Times, VOX, and just about every piece I read about the cancellation were at pains to make it clear that they had no objec-

tion to a book about censorship. No. It was just that their high ethical standards and their "public responsibility" would not allow them to give a platform to such a bad man as Senator Hawley.

Quite probably, they were trying to avoid charges of being "Orwellian." But to no avail. "This could not be more Orwellian," said Senator Hawley in response to the book cancellation; "I was... leading a debate on the Senate floor on voter integrity, which they have now decided to redefine as sedition." But Hawley was not to have the last word. Several magazines, including USA Today and Teen Vogue, went out of their way to correct Hawley's use of the term "Orwellian." One USA Today piece observed that "critics soon questioned Hawley's invocation of George Orwell. Orwell was notably a committed anti-fascist whose celebrated dystopian book 1984 is a critique of totalitarian governments." So, according to this interpretation, the totalitarianism on display in 1984 bears no relation to the actions of giant, non-government publishing conglomerates which are only doing their civic duty. Nor could it possibly pertain to the current government because, as is plain to see, Joe Biden doesn't have a totalitarian bone in his body. Not to leave anything to chance, however, the USA Today piece helpfully links to another USA Today article titled: "You may be using the term 'Orwellian' wrong. Here's what George Orwell was actually writing about."

Still, such sleight of hand might not do the trick. As the remarkable similarities between the novel and the coercive nature of the current regime become apparent, more people will become curious about 1984. Lest they check for themselves to see "What George Orwell was actually writing about," it might be deemed necessary to erase the book from memory. It's not hard to guess how the initial censorship of the book will be presented. Probably with a statement something like this: Your government is committed to strive **continually** for a greater diversity of voices in the public square. However, it has come to our attention that certain extremists and conspiracy theorists in our midst have conspired to present 1984 as a criticism of our legitimately elected democratic-socialist government. They are currently using this twisted interpretation of Orwell's work to incite violent insurrection against America's constitutional government. In order to prevent this dangerous misuse of Orwell's masterpiece, America's leading companies have agreed to temporarily suspend publication and distribution of the novel until the insurrectionist elements have been suppressed. Maybe that won't be necessary. Maybe the White House Office of Prop..., er, Communications can convince the proles that 1984 is really an allegory for the Trump administration. But my guess is that 1984 will soon be gone with the wind. "Gone with the Wind"? Oh, that's an old white supremacist tale which was intended to foreshadow and legitimize the racism and sexism of the Trump administration. It's in the Ministry of Rewrite right now. Hmm. Come to think of it, *Gone with the Wind* is also about the Civil War—a war which began with the insurrectionist attack on Fort Sumter. And since people are so easily incited to insurrection these days, it might be wise to protect the public from all further discussion of the Civil War. So, hurry up with that revision. And while you're at it, better cancel Bruce Catton, Shelby Foote, and that inflammatory documentary by Ken Burns. *William Kilpatrick is the author of What Catholics Need to Know about Islam and other books about culture and religion. His work is supported in part by the Shillman Foundation. Published with permission from the Turning Point Project.*

## **Largest study of online porn to date: Thousands of videos depict sexual violence, incest**

*The researchers only examined the titles, tags, and descriptions, rather than reviewing the content, meaning that plenty of porn videos featuring degrading and violent behaviour are not included.*

April 12, 2021 (LifeSiteNews) — One of the few encouraging cultural indicators these days is that string of exposés affirming, once again, that the porn industry is rife with rape, sex tracking, and sexual abuse is starting to wake people up. Mind-geek executives were grilled by Canadian Members of Parliament; major mainstream media outlets covered the revelations; American politicians began to discuss legislation targeting Pornhub. The more people are forced to confront the violence and ugliness of digital porn, the more difficult it becomes to ignore the fact that we are a culture having a public #MeToo moment while privately watching women and girls get brutalized and assaulted for entertainment and sexual satisfaction. In case anyone needed more evidence that pornography is fuelling a new, subterranean rape culture. British researchers Fiona Vera-Gray, Clare McGlynn, Ibad Kureshi and Kate Butterby have just published the largest study of online porn to date in the British Journal of Criminology. Titled “Sexual violence as a sexual script in mainstream online pornography,” the study included a survey of 131,738 videos from the UK’s most popular porn sites, Pornhub, XHamster, and Xvideos. Screenshots were taken every hour for six months between 2017 and 2018, with the researchers recording keywords that fall under the World Health Organization’s definition of sexual violence. Over 8,000 of 131,738 titles contained references to sexual violence, with 5,785 of those referencing incest.

There is a proviso to this, as well. The actual percentage of violent porn videos is much higher, as the researchers specifically excluded BDSM titles that were classified as consensual, meaning that many videos in which violence (the “s,” after all, stands for “sadism”) is perpetrated against women and girls were not included in the researchers’ findings. BDSM porn has exploded in the wake of the 50 Shades craze, and former porn actresses have reported that rape is common and sexual violence is the norm. This material, regardless of whether the flimsy standard of consent (which the #MeToo movement has us reconsidering in the context of external pressures and coercion) is applied, are mainstreaming brutality against women for sexual pleasure. Additionally, the researchers only examined the titles, tags, and descriptions of the videos rather than reviewing the content, meaning that plenty of porn videos featuring degrading and violent behaviour against women would not have been included in their statistics. The researchers reported being disturbed by what they found using the narrow WHO definition of sexual violence. A more thorough accounting of the violence inherent to the porn industry would have produced even more staggering numbers. As it was, the pornification of broken families was disturbingly revealed once again with the prevalence of porn involving “stepmother”; doubly voyeuristic videos featuring “hidden cams” and “upskirting” were common, as were keywords such as “forced,” “ambush,” “molest,” and “grope.”

Many of the titles are too vile to cite here, but the researchers

also affirmed the prevalence of porn focusing on underage girls, a disturbingly popular trend in porn since “Barely Legal” films hit the market. As Vice put it: The word frequency analysis further showed that in videos with coercive and exploitative content, the words “schoolgirl” (17.6 percent), “girl” (9.6 percent) and “teen” (8.8 percent) were the most common. A 2019 study found that when compared with adult performers, “teens” were about five times more likely than adults to be in videos featuring [violent sodomy], as well as more likely to be in videos [featuring other degradation]. The study also noted that videos featuring teens might be played by adult actors or those 18 and above, but in some cases, they can include underage actors too. The lack of regulation can also put the viewers in a tricky position — they don’t know how old the actors in the videos are, and the punishment for possession of child sexual abuse material is serious. Furthermore, even if the actors are playing teenage characters in the videos, the storylines often involve an underage person who is often coerced or tricked into sex. Titles like “Daddy, I don’t wanna go to school!” and keywords such as “pigtails”, “braces”, and “homework” often point out the role of a young teenager.

The researchers highlighted the fact that violent pornography is universally accessible to everyone, including children. As sexting becomes an almost ubiquitous practice among young people, revenge porn has also become common. In an interview with the BBC, researcher Fiona Vera-Gray noted that violent pornography has “eroticised non-consent” and is erasing “the boundary between sexual pleasure and sexual violence”; the inescapable conclusion of the study’s findings is that for an increasing number of people, those two things are synonymous. The #MeToo movement was a response to the growing prevalence of sexual violence in our society — but relatively few have pointed out the obvious: If the majority of people in our society are viewing, for pleasure or entertainment, the systematic violation, degradation, and abuse of women and girls, what does this say about our culture? How did this become acceptable? How have we allowed so-called “sexual liberation” to liberate the ugliest, vilest instincts within ourselves until we call choking, beating, whipping, and violating women and girls a “fundamental freedom”? Until we answer these questions and embark on the cultural chemotherapy necessary to treat this cancer, the #MeToo movement will be ineffectually pointing at the tip of the iceberg. *British Journal of Criminology, Pornography, Sexual Violence*

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## **Renowned Catholic psychiatrist compares transgender movement to eugenics movement**

*Dr. Paul McHugh asserts that transgenderism, which is not rooted in science, will 'collapse.'*

May 21, 2021 (LifeSiteNews) – In a recent interview, an acclaimed doctor reveals the lack of science behind the transgender movement, stressing the irreversible damage it is inflicting on children. In the Public Discourse, Matthew Franck interviewed Dr. Paul McHugh, a distinguished service professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. From 1975 to 2001, McHugh served as director of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences and Psychiatrist-in-Chief at Johns Hopkins Hospital: Remaining mysteries in science:

McHugh explained that the workings of the brain and the mind

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are still a mystery to science. Since the mind is such a mystery, psychiatrists can often err in their diagnoses. While these mistakes are sometimes made because of ignorance of the mind, sometimes a doctor “could also make mistakes in the narrative by presuming things that were not there in actuality but were put in by him, or her, the psychiatrist, because they made a better story.” In one of McHugh's essays, *The Mind Has Mountains*, he remarked about “the power of cultural fashions to lead psychiatric thought and practice off in false, even disastrous, directions.” The interviewer, Franck, pointed out that mental health departments recently have seen an increasing number of patients suffering from gender dysphoria. McHugh asserted that this phenomenon is not founded in science, but rather is a “tyranny of popular sentiments.” “I think psychiatry is vulnerable to that because it works with phenomena of mental life and problems of mental behaviour, and therefore is liable, without another kind of tradition or another source of knowledge, to be carried away,” he said, adding, “It happens about every 10 or 15 years.” Part of a new ‘folly’ similar to McHugh, “there’s a love on the part of psychiatrists for being men of the secret and having their own magical secret.” For this reason, the solution to the problem of transgenderism is made into a kind of idol. McHugh likened this to the golden calf that the Jewish people worshipped in Exodus. In 2019, McHugh, together with Dr. Lawrence Mayer, published “Sexuality and Gender: Findings from the Biological, Psychological, and Social Sciences” in *The New Atlantis*. Their article pointed out that science does not support the transgender movement. McHugh felt prompted to write the article because “(transgenderism) didn’t work from the science point of view, and they might, in our society, not be such good ideas, not good things for people to believe.” He ultimately wanted to tell people that “we still don’t know a great deal about the provenance of homosexuality and transgender or gender dysphoria. We have no particular reason to believe that either phenomenon is innate or biologically based or immutable.” This article caused an uproar. Dean Hamer, a geneticist and student of homosexuality, claimed, “This has all just been disproven, it’s bad science.”

However, McHugh pointed out that Hamer didn’t actually explain what parts of the article were false or offer any counter-evidence. While the movement is now at its peak, McHugh is confident that it will drift away and be remembered as a fad. “I’m amazed at the amount of power and weaponry that it’s gotten behind it now, with the government and law and even medical organizations getting behind it, but I’m absolutely convinced that this is folly and it’s going to collapse, just as the eugenics folly collapsed,” he said. Particularly, the movement will crumble “in relationship to the injury to children.” He predicted massive lawsuits from children whose lives have been destroyed by the sex-changing process. “But we’re going to be left with a number of much more injured patients,” he lamented. “I’m very sure this is going to happen.”

The irreversible dangers of transgender therapy and operations: He also cautioned against the use of hormones and gender surgery for children. McHugh explained that children are too young to make these life-changing decisions. “Remember, puberty occurs between nine and 14 when you’re a girl, and between 11 and 14 when you’re a boy,” he said. “These are children.” Furthermore, these changes take place during puberty, which is a very complex and mysterious process, which is not yet fully explained by science. According to McHugh, 85 percent to 95 percent of children, who believe that they are of the opposite sex and are allowed to go through puberty normally, decide to remain their actual gender. However, if these children are given puberty blockers, only 5 percent or 10 percent decide to return to their actual gender. “Finally, the most important point is that scientists have one great vulnerability,” he revealed. “They can be dealing with the most complex issue and

try to oversimplify it and make it seem like a simple issue.” He explained that children could lose their fertility at age 11, without fully understanding what they are choosing. While working as the head of the psychiatry department at Johns Hopkins University, McHugh refused to offer permission for plastic surgeons to perform sex-change operations on children. After making this announcement, he said a plastic surgeon responded with the comment: “Oh, thank goodness. How would you like it to get up in the morning, Paul, and face the day slashing away at perfectly normal organs, because you guys don’t know what’s the matter.”

However, in 2017, the plastic surgeons at Johns Hopkins University declared that they were going to perform the operations without permission from the psychiatry department. Since McHugh was no longer the head of the department, he could not prevent this action. Being a Catholic psychiatrist: As a Catholic psychiatrist, McHugh revealed that he was often verbally attacked, even at Johns Hopkins University. However, he does not regret his religious convictions and instead embraces his faith. “Thank goodness I was raised with it, because of the wonderful Catholic realism that places you solidly on the ground in relationship to human nature and the human condition,” he declared. “I think Christianity was the foundation of science,” McHugh continued. “After all, ‘In the beginning was the Word’ — the Logos. Well, that means something, to make science reasonable.”

## International Leadership Conference 2021 The Americas: First Ladies

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The Americas—The International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP), in partnership with the Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP), conducted Session Five of the ILC

Americas on the topic “Women’s Perspectives on Peace in the Pacific Rim.” The session had 245 participants in attendance and 100 views on YouTube the following day. To see the video, click here: [International Leadership Conference Americas 2021 - Session 5 - YouTube](#). Our distinguished panel was composed of Hon. Mrs. Mignon Bowen-Phillips, wife of the current prime minister of Guyana, and two former First Ladies from Nicaragua and Paraguay, Hon. María Fernanda Flores de Alemán and Hon. Emilia Alfaro de Franco.

All presentations of the three First Ladies expressed their heart of concern and resonance for the divided nation of Korea, as they compared the divides and challenges with those in their own countries. The entire session was carried by a spirit of motherly love, warmth, honesty and sincerity. This generated many questions from the audience at the end, which the panelists responded to with passion and determination. As one action step, the suggestion was made to send a delegation of women leaders to North Korea to speak with the North Korean government. Also as a result of this session, H.E. Emilia de Franco felt the urgency to immediately follow up with an action step after this gathering and is scheduling another meeting together with other First Ladies and women leaders in South America to continue the discussion on finding solutions for the unification of North and South Korea and also solutions to the most pressing issues in the region.

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The success of conference was a result of prayers, sincere devotion and unity of our women leaders of the Americas, led by Mrs. Blessie Dhakal, Mrs. Lilly Tadin (Canada), Mrs. Gail Veith (Central America and the Caribbean) and Mrs. Roswitha Dueck de Giuliano (South America), as well as Secretary General Mrs. Kiyomi Schmidt. It was also the result of the close and trusting collaboration with our UPF leaders of the Americas, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Moonshik Kim, Dr. Famularo, Dr. C.S. Yang and Dr. Shin, as well as the many professional UPF members throughout the Americas. Special thanks goes to President Hoon Sook Nim, who delivered a deep and profound message representing Dr Hak Ja Han Moon and the vision for women's leadership at this time, in support of the unification of North and South Korea. Her grace, warmth and heart truly inspired all!

**Highlights of the IAFLP Session and reflection from participants:** Moderator Dr. Susan Taffer (Founder, World Connections Foundation) greeted everyone warmly and presented an introductory video of the founding of IAFLP. This was followed by heartfelt welcoming remarks by Angelika Selle (Chair, IAFLP-Americas; President, WFWP-USA. Mrs. Selle set the tone for the focus on the Korean Peninsula and shared the founder's vision as to why women need to play a pivotal role in leading the way to peace at this time, together with men. In her opening remarks, Dr. Julia Moon (President, WFWP International) described the world's recent history, headed by Atlantic Ocean nations maintaining power by masculine means of military strength and colonization. Dr. Moon then spoke on the current Pacific Rim era, with the Latin root of peace found in Pacific. She confirmed that if we are able to learn from our mistakes and lean into a feminine, nurturing approach to peacemaking, a world of peace is within reach. Distinguished panelist Hon. Mrs. Mignon E. Bowen-Phillips (wife of the current Prime Minister, Republic of Guyana) spoke of Guyana's recent history of conflict and mass violence pre-independence, stressing that her country could empathize with the challenges on the Korean Peninsula. Acknowledging the limited communication between the two conflicting states, she conveyed the importance of governments and global stakeholders working together in seeking solutions to humanitarian concerns.

Hon. Mdm. María Fernanda Flores de Alemán (First Lady, Republic of Nicaragua, 1997–2002) shared about the extreme political divide in Nicaragua caused by injustice and how this division has prevented economic and socio-political stability. To resolve such issues, she strongly emphasized the need for people to unite together for a worthy cause. She urged all leaders to set objectives not for material gain, but for the common good of the people. Hon. Mdm. Emilia Alfaro de Franco (First Lady, Republic of Paraguay, 2012–2013) shared Paraguay's experience in bringing together this divided country. Broad consensus came about through the initiation of a great person, who envisioned a unified future as opposed to power at the expense of the people. At this time of Covid resulting in major setbacks for women the world over, Honourable Franco empowered all to raise their voices and gain visibility, to effect change on the major concerns of our time. In her closing remarks, Roswitha Dueck de Giuliano (International Vice President, WFWP-Latin America) highlighted the takeaways from each of the presentations and appealed that the participants stay connected. With the remaining time, Moderator Taffer opened the floor for questions from the audience, which sparked a most engaging and spirited discussion among panellists and representatives of IAFLP and WFWP. Several questions challenged the speakers as to next steps for the reunification of the Korean Peninsula and for IAFLP, and on how to implement the ideas

shared during the program. Panellists conveyed the importance of having the strong will to do what is needed to create change and to invest in their communities through education and instilling values. Ideas, including sending a delegation of women leaders to meet with the leadership in North Korea, were discussed. In terms of next steps for IAFLP, Mrs. Selle announced an upcoming First Ladies conference being planned in Washington, DC, in October 2022.

Dr. Taffer wrapped up the session warmly and on a high note, projecting real hope that peace is within reach. **Comments from participants:** "This was a fantastic event where we could hear from distinguished women leaders how they are working to a peaceful world." "Thank-you to all the panellists. The world, especially women worldwide, is looking to your participation with much hope and united solutions towards the unification of Korea. May God bless you, your family and country. Thank-you for your leadership and the heart of a woman and grandmother for the world." "I'm sure with the support of the feminine perception, there will be so many changes in North Korea and in the world." "The unification of Korea will be an example of education to the value of every life in all countries." "We bear life, and each life is precious to our Creator. Your education of Nicaragua and Paraguay is invaluable. We need to live for each other, even beyond countries." "I congratulate the great work that the WFWP-I and each region do for the contribution towards the unification of the Koreans." "Women have the power to lead toward a peaceful world. Wonderful event." "Thank you very much for sharing so much knowledge and projections. May we together, change for a better world."

### **Family Education Trust resources you will need for Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education**

With the coming of mandatory Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education many parents and teachers may feel at a loss as to what resources they can use that are respectful of values such as modesty, chastity, and restraint. Luckily, the Family Education Trust has produced several leaflets covering areas including love, sex, drugs, and alcohol that would be ideal for teaching the new subjects. **Why Save Sex?** describes the nature and purpose of sex and provides attractive arguments for why it is so important to save sex for marriage. The leaflet shows saving sex for marriage to be a positive and liberating choice and gives young people practical tips to help them to make this choice. **What is Love?** describes the qualities that characterise true love: commitment, faithfulness, perseverance and patience. It explains why true love should never be confused with infatuation, lust or mere physical attraction. **Drug Alert** looks at the UK's most commonly used illegal drugs: cannabis, cocaine and ecstasy and explains their serious effects – on the brain, on physical health, and on mental health and behaviour. **The Sober Truth** presents accurate information on alcohol in an attractive and accessible format. In straightforward language, it refers to twelve ways in which alcohol misuse causes serious problems for teenagers, their families and society as a whole. The leaflet also explains what alcohol is and how it affects the brain and offers some practical tips for young people to help them develop responsible attitudes towards its use. Leaflets can be ordered from the Family Education Trust website for 25p per copy or are available at the following prices: £2.50 for 10 copies, £4.50 for 25 copies, £7.00 for 50 copies and £13.00 for 100 copies. *This article is published by permission of Family Education Trust*