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The Dangers of Politically Correct Moral Reasoning

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For approximately 1,600 years, Europe’s development was shaped by a Biblical moral framework that became deeply woven into its laws and social fabric. This framework lifted our nations out of subsistence living, ushering in unprecedented health, longevity, and prosperity. Central to this progress were Christian methods of moral reasoning—tools that guided personal decisions and public policy alike. These included:

- 1) Consequentialist Reasoning: Asking, “What if everyone did this?”—a question akin to psychologist Jean Piaget’s maxim: Does endless repetition advance or regress society?
- 2) The Golden Rule: Treat others as one wishes to be treated.
- 3) Respect for Stakeholders: Balancing actions to benefit some without harming others, mindful of their social repercussions.

Applied to the traditional heterosexual marital family, these principles yield clear insights. If everyone

married someone of the opposite sex to raise their children, this fosters responsible citizenship. Asking, “Would I like to be raised by my biological parents?” yields an affirmative response in most of us. Respecting all stakeholders—grandparents, children, and society—reveals benefits like lower social costs, healthier citizens, and law-abiding communities. These methods of moral reasoning allowed for supporting laws upholding such families, promoting the common good.

Yet today, many perceive a civilizational decline. Parents increasingly fear their children face a bleaker future. This sentiment is tied to a shift away from Biblical morality. It began subtly with academic discussions on inclusivity, tolerance, fairness, diversity, and equality—noble concepts intended to enhance moral reasoning. How could we ensure gender equality or racial

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GENERAL IMPORTANT NEWS

Marriage makes you live longer

Dear marriage supporter, Marriage makes people live longer. That’s the consistent finding of research over the years, and it’s confirmed in a new study from Copenhagen Business School published by Cambridge University Press. “It is clear that marriage is associated with the highest life expectancies compared to non-married individuals”, the authors write. At age 50, married people look forward to five to eight years longer life than single people who have never married. The authors point to research showing that this is primarily because of the protective effect of marriage rather than being an artefact of the kind of people who get married. In other words, it’s the magic of marriage that gives people more years to live. But of course, at C4M we know there’s nothing magical about it. The public commitment of a man and a woman to share life together “in sickness and in health, till death do us part” creates stable homes and families where individuals, whatever their age, are never left to struggle alone. Some of this benefit is enjoyed by the increasing number of couples who live together without getting married, the authors find. However, they state “married individuals are in most cases living statistically significantly longer than those who are cohabiting”. This confirms what we at C4M already know: that the public promises of marriage and the private assurances those reflect make a real, lasting impact on people’s lives. Once again, researchers have found that it’s marriage that makes the difference. Whether it’s in happiness, health, stability, children’s well-being and achievements or the very years of life we have left to live, evidence consistently shows that real marriage is the gold standard for human relationships. Isn’t it high time it was treated that way once again? Yours faithfully, Dr Tony Rucinski. *This article is published by permission of Coalition for Marriage.*

Papal nuncio to Germany: Europe is committing ‘suicide’ by way of abortion, euthanasia, gender ideology

(LifeSiteNews – Nov. 15th 2024) — Archbishop Nikola Eterovic, the papal nuncio to Germany, warned about the “suicide” of Europe due to the promotion of abortion, euthanasia, and gender ideology. According to the German Catholic News Agency (KNA),

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Letters and Emails Received

Hi John, Many thanks for the Morality Forum Update. I always appreciate receiving them as it keeps me in touch with what is happening worldwide. It is also reassuring to know that I am not alone in my thinking. Keep up the good work John. May I also wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas. God bless. Maria Rose.

Dear John, Many thanks for writing. I agree! Best wishes, Stephen [Stephen Glover - Daily Mail. An email sent criticising Labour's policies on education and net zero.]

Thanks John, In line with the Equality Act 2010, we respect the gender identity of transgender women who want to play where that can be done without sacrificing fair and safe competition. As I mentioned, this policy remains under regular review to ensure that it continues to meet those requirements. With regards, Debbie. [Debbie Hewitt – Chair person of the F.A. Information sent criticising the F.A.'s stance in allowing gender confused males to participate in women's soccer games.]

Dear John, Thank you very much for your email about the disturbance caused by noisy fireworks. Even though I am not your MP I appreciate you taking the time to write to me. You can rest assured that I will continue in my efforts. With best wishes, Yours sincerely, Dr Danny Chambers MP.

Dear John, I have written to certain members of the Scottish Parliament, as you suggested, on the issue of immorality being taught in schools. Our local MSP happens to be John Swinney, first minister of Scotland. We spoke with him in a 'surgery' in 2014, in our local town hall, about the issue of homosexual marriage. He said he was simply following the party line (SNP). In my letter this time, I said that paedophilia is the end result of LGBT, or maybe the beginning of the problem. We hope that Scotland, and Britain and Ireland as a whole, will turn away from the miserable path of LGBT. so we pray also for the victory of Donald Trump in the US presidential election in two days time, as he stands for Christianity against LGBT. With best wishes for your good work. Hamish

Dear John, Thank you for the Autumn Update. All interesting as usual. You continue to work tirelessly. Keep up the good work. Regards, Jacqueline.

Morality Forum Action

Bruno Klotz sends out a weekly inspiring email to people on his email list. Excerpts: The path of true love is the shortest and most direct route. It leads you straight ahead. There is no zigzagging. True love leads individuals to take the direction that benefits their family; it leads families to take the direction that benefits the nation; it aligns a nation with the direction of the world saints; and it aligns the saints with the direction of divine sons and daughters. It is the path of spiritual cultivation, and we fallen people must walk it. We must go this one direction our entire life. The more we walk the path of true love in our life, the faster we grow in heart and love. This is actually about the fulfilment of the 3 Great Blessings. This is our purpose, and the more we fulfil our own purpose, the more successful our life will be, not only in the field of love, but also in other fields. Wealth, power and knowledge will not make our lives successful. The success of our life depends on the level of love we develop. Developing our heart and love will attract God's blessing upon our life, so that we can become successful in areas that we even did not imagine. How do we develop our heart and love? How do we reach higher and deeper levels of love? How do we avoid to stagnate our whole life? We need to find our own individual path to true love. It requires our own desire and input. It requires us to realize how important that is. We need to realize how much more effective we can become if we walk

that internal path of true love. And how much more satisfied and fulfilled we can be, whatever happens around us. To speed us up on our path of true love, it might be a good idea to ask for guidance and support from those who are ahead of us. We can also ask Jesus and others, not just to guide us in our own growth, but for example to break down the barriers on the way to the Unification of Korea. The more we grow in heart and love, the richer we become.

On November 9th, because of other commitments on November 10th, John O'Neill delivered Assisted Suicide leaflets in the Queensbury area of NW London. The leaflets were from the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. The main leafleting day for delivering the leaflets from the Harrow branch of SPUC was November 10th.

On November 29th, John O'Neill, together with other campaigners, participated in a peaceful protest opposite the Houses of Parliament regarding the Assisted Suicide issue. Unfortunately, the vote in the Houses of Parliament was in favour of Assisted Suicide.

On December 1st, John O'Neill spoke about the purpose of life at the Shepherds House International Ministries at Edgware. On November 24th John spoke about Assisted Suicide at the Mission Evangelique Mont Sinai church in Harlesden. Leaflets were distributed among the congregation.

Items from the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children such as booklets, leaflets and pamphlets continue to be widely distributed to religious organisations and to numerous individuals. Online petitions are forwarded to numerous individuals and religious organisations including all the UK mega churches. The results of empirical studies and fact sheets are sent to key people such as journalists and politicians defending moral, family and spiritual values.

(Continued from page 1: The Dangers of Politically Correct Moral Reasoning harmony? These questions seemed a natural evolution, and addition to the other ways of moral reasoning. However, over time, these ideals morphed into the sole lens for moral judgment, overshadowing traditional methods. If actions appeared inclusive or tolerant, they were deemed virtuous, birthing Post-Modernism and its offspring: the religion of Woke.

This shift ushered in the era of political correctness, where laws prioritise fairness and tolerance for select groups without a deeper analysis of the broader harm. Consider mass shoplifting by "poor" citizens: Post-Modernists excuse it, blind to its destabilising effects. Abortion law exemplifies this trend. Passed under politically correct reasoning, it ignores Biblical prohibitions against murder and fails traditional moral tests:

- 1) Consequentialism: If everyone aborted, humanity would vanish within a generation and leave the surviving ageing population with a growing sense of meaninglessness and despair.
- 2) The Golden Rule: Would I wish to be aborted? No.
- 3) Stakeholders: Grandparents' hopes, societal stability, and the unborn child's life are typically disregarded. The law also fosters a hypersexualized culture that erodes families and accelerates decay.

Contrast this with a Biblical approach to reducing unwanted pregnancies: promoting a culture aware of out-of-wedlock sex's social costs—cultivating more civilised behaviours over generations.

Woke ideology now endorses laws—abortion, IVF, surrogacy, redefined marriage, the politicisation of those who struggle with the mental disorder of gender confusion, DEI hiring, poorly formed no-fault divorce, lax immigration laws, and certain welfare policies—all of

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which would fail Biblical scrutiny, ringing alarm bells of impending social harm. This sparks a culture war: one side champions compassion—the other warns of the harmful consequences. As Wokism increasingly dominates politics, Christians are cast as intolerant, their cautions dismissed, threatening Christianity's survival. Politicians, acting as self-appointed gods, redefine even biological realities like gender, severing ties to the wisdom that once built thriving nations.

Without the anchor of Biblically based moral reasoning, society becomes a political experiment, subject to each new "fair, tolerant, and compassionate" law regardless of its vast social damage. Neglecting the past's moral clarity, we risk a future where short-sighted policies dictate our lives, eroding the foundation of a responsible, meaningful existence.

UPF Düsseldorf Discusses "Religions for World Peace"

Written by: Anja Brina, UPF-Düsseldorf



19 October 2024. Religions for World Peace – Lived Spirituality as a Foundation: Spiritual Renewal Inspired by the Holy Scriptures was the title of an event held on Saturday 19 October, co-hosted by Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Düsseldorf and Zivilisation Weisheit Wohltätigkeit Aufschwung (ZWWA -Civilisation Wisdom Charity Upsurge) in Bilk (Düsseldorf) town hall. Anja and Sergio Brina, UPF Düsseldorf, welcomed the 120 participants and handed over the moderation to Mr. Emre Tanay, from ZWWA. A beautiful atmosphere was set by the young Ukrainian pianist Alina Savenkova, now living in Germany who played The Poet's Heart.

The first speech was delivered by Frank Bernhardt, an Old Lutheran theologian. He called for religions to focus on what united them rather than on their differences. At the same time, he stressed that everyone must be well grounded in his own religion to recognise and accept the differences in other communities. Any interaction that does not promote one's own faith is without substance. This message was well received and heartily applauded. Then followed Dr. Boran, head of the ZWWA, whose speech in Turkish was translated into German by Mr. Ender Eker. Dr. Boran drew parallels between the Torah, the Bible and the Qur'an and emphasized the importance of values such as compassion, justice, mercy and honesty. These values are essential for spiritual growth and true happiness. He stressed that every person who sincerely desires to find God is guided by Him and finds his path or teacher. His speech also met with warm applause. These inspiring contributions were followed by short break, giving the opportunity for discussion and to sample the delicacies which had been prepared. The event then continued, enhanced by spiritual chants which prepared the atmosphere between speakers.

Mrs Edna Noupa, pastor of the Salvation Revival Bible Ministry, opened her speech with a prayer and explained that she had prayed and fasted beforehand to find the right words. She emphasized that religions should work together, as there is only one God for all. She told of her close friendship with a Muslim friend who stood by her in

many situations. She also recalled Rev. Moon, the founder of the UPF, who never lost his focus on God despite numerous challenges. Her lively and powerful speech was also much appreciated and applauded. Then followed Christian Hausmann, Chairman of UPF Germany, who described the topic of the event as timely and highly topical, especially with regard to the current conflicts in the Middle East as well as in Ukraine and Russia. The solution to these conflicts cannot come from politics alone; religions and spiritual groups also have a role to play in conflict resolution. He emphasized that although religions take different paths, they pursue the same goal: to come closer to the heart of God. Religions, however, are only the means to an end. They could be compared to a car repair shop: they offer tools and processes to repair and maintain the 'inner vehicle'. But a functioning vehicle does not need constant repair. His words were also very well received. The event drew to an end with the presentation of certificates to five new Ambassadors for Peace by Anja and Sergio Brina. Then the speakers returned to the stage to answer questions posed by the audience. The grand finale was a performance of a dervish dance, bringing a harmonious and worthy closure to the day. This event was an impressive gathering and a valuable contribution to world peace.

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Archbishop Nikola Etorovic

Eterovic recently warned during a sermon in his home country of Croatia about the severe demographic crisis that Western civilization is facing. The archbishop said Europe is plagued by a "culture of death" due to abortion and euthanasia. He sees the demographic collapse in most European countries as a "sign of suicide." Eterovic also warned about gender ideology, which he sees as a form of "ideological coloni-

zation" of Europe directed against the Christian understanding of the family. The papal nuncio described the Russia-Ukraine war as a sign of "societal suicide" because two historically Christian countries are fighting each other. "If a man breaks with God, if he symbolically kills God, then, unfortunately, he also kills himself: he loses the foundation on which he stands firm, he despises the values that, among other things, have shaped Europe and made the flourishing of Western civilization possible," Eterovic said. Despite birth rates being far below replacement level in almost all European countries, the governments of Denmark and Finland have recently loosened their abortion laws, raising the abortion limit from 12 to 18 weeks. Meanwhile, the U.K. is currently in the process of passing a euthanasia law similar to Canada's "MAiD" (Medical Assistance in Dying). Robert Clarke, director of advocacy at ADF International, warned that this euthanasia bill would open the door to abuse and "unleash a culture of death across British society."

UPF Denmark Holds Seminar on the Principles of Peace

Written by: Karsten Nielsen, Secretary-General of UPF Denmark.

On October 26th, 2024, Universal Peace Federation Denmark hosted a one-day seminar introducing the UPF Vision and Peace Principles from 10 am to 5 pm at ZOKU Copenhagen's rooftop meeting rooms. The spacious, light-filled event area, with panoramic views of

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Copenhagen, created an innovative and visionary atmosphere for exploring universal principles of peace and shared values. Among the 31 attendees were Ambassadors for Peace, religious leaders, academics, artists, entrepreneurs, NGO representatives, peace activists, and from Stockholm, an Afghan peace leader and a UPF leader. The seminar offered insights into the peace principles that guide UPF and related organizations established by UPF founders Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. In his welcome remarks, UPF Denmark's Secretary-General, Karsten Nielsen, shared: "The Principles of Peace are not just idealistic dreams. They give us a deeper understanding of life and remind us that we were created for love. While peace may seem like a huge challenge in today's world, this seminar aimed to reveal how it can become achievable—and how we can begin creating a world where it becomes a reality. A video presentation followed, highlighting UPF's foundations and the impact of its Ambassadors for Peace in promoting a global culture of peace. In his first session, "Universal Values as a Foundation for World Peace," David Fraser Harris, UPF Secretary-General for the Middle East and North Africa, covered essential topics such as humanity's ideal purpose, the meaning of life, human freedom and responsibility, and the foundations for lasting peace and happiness. During the lunch break at the Living Kitchen, participants connected and shared lively conversations, forming new friendships and networks. For the first afternoon session, the topic, "The Root of Conflict and the Key to Peace and Reconciliation," was focused on UPF's founders' teachings regarding human suffering as a breakdown of love. Fraser Harris illustrated principles of restoring love throughout history, often supported by religious movements, drawing on the archetypal story of Cain and Abel and showing how reconciliation has unfolded over time. In his final presentation, "The UPF Touch," Fraser Harris stated, "We need a God-centred vision; real peace is achievable only by understanding God's original design for humanity and through selfless, sacrificial love for others," and shared examples of UPF's worldwide initiatives that embody these principles. At the close of the seminar, two participants were honoured as Ambassadors for Peace. They expressed gratitude and a commitment to collaborating with UPF to create a lasting peace culture. Ambassador for Peace Metta Carter concluded with two inspiring songs as everyone stood up, held hands, and sang along. Reflecting on the seminar, participants appreciated the insightful lectures and warm, welcoming environment that transcended ethnic and religious boundaries. They admired UPF's commitment to uniting conflicting groups worldwide, building understanding between religions, and tackling complex global issues. Some attendees expressed interest in inviting friends to the next UPF seminar.

SPUC HITS THE ROAD TO EXPOSE THE LIES OF PRO-DEATH LOBBY

Online webinars may be a good way of reaching a large number of people, but in-person meetings still have a unique power to build a movement and transform the lives of those who attend them. That's why members of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children has been travelling the country with renowned palliative care expert, Dr Dominic Whitehouse. Dr Whitehouse has spoken to audiences in Manchester, Newcastle, Nottingham, and Reading. He also participated in a SPUC webinar to reach those who were not able to attend the in-person meetings. Dr Whitehouse's intervention in the debate has exploded a media narrative which "uses emotion to cloud the truth" about death and dying. Drawing on decades of experience Dr Whitehouse was able to provide audiences with important insights into the dying process, and about the medical and spiritual support available to assist people approaching death.

He exposed myths propagated by the media which uses carefully selected stories of people whose relatives have died in great suffering to push assisted suicide. Dr. Whitehouse said: "*We are not given proper details of their illness, we never properly hear what care they had received, we never hear the real background to the social history or spiritual worries that might be making death unpleasant for that person. And, usually, we never hear whether they were under a hospice or other palliative care service.*" Dr Whitehouse explained that palliative care is able to use powerful drugs to help control pain at the end of life, and to help those who are dying to reach the end of their life naturally, and with dignity. This is the crucial message which the general public needs to hear – and which the mainstream media rarely shares. That's why SPUC has hit the road and travelled the country to get the message out. Thank you to all who participated, and to all of you who made it possible through your financial support for SPUC.

Abortion was the leading cause of death worldwide in 2024. And it wasn't even close

(LifeSiteNews - Jan 2, 2025. Jonathon Van Maren). Throughout 2024, the mainstream press woke up to a brutal reality: Despite decades of sinister fearmongering about "overpopulation," the world is experiencing a critical shortage of babies that will threaten our way of life in every way imaginable. From The Guardian: "Birthrates are plummeting worldwide. Can governments turn the tide?" From the Globe and Mail: "Fewer babies are being born around the world, and not only in the places you'd expect."



Jonathon Van Maren

From Euronews: "Greece confronts disastrously low birthrates in Aegean Islands." From Politico: "The political shockwaves of America's falling birthrates." The demographic crisis, which Mark Steyn warned about over a decade ago in his prophetic book *America Alone: The End of the World As We Know It*, is now recognized as a fact by virtually everyone. Despite this, there has been

little introspection on the part of those who have been championing birth control and abortion for decades both at home and as a form of aggressive neo-colonialism in developing countries. And despite the fact that the abortion wars defined the presidential election in the U.S., and political debates across the West, the elites studiously avoid making the obvious connection between the dearth of babies and the abortion death rate. But as Breitbart reported yesterday, abortion was the leading cause of death globally in 2024, "with a record 45 million unborn babies killed in the womb, according to data provided by Worldometer." The numbers are excruciating and impossible to fathom: As of 12 p.m. on December 31, 2024, an estimated 45.1 million abortions were perpetrated throughout the year. For context, Canada's entire population is 40.1 million. The abortion death rate – or, more accurately, kill count – dwarfs every other number, including 8.2 million dying from cancer, 5 million from smoking, 1.7 million from HIV/AIDS, 1.46 million from traffic accidents, and 1.1 million from suicide. As Breitbart pointed out, the total of all non-abortion deaths is 62.5 million, "meaning that abortions accounted for just over 42 percent of all human deaths in 2024." Based on an overview of the world's 196 countries, the average population of a country is 40.96 million. This means that every year the equivalent of an entire country is killed by abortion. To report on the birthrate without acknowledging this fact is simply ludicrous – because the truth is that tens of millions of children are conceived but are never born. Tens of millions of children who physically existed were physically destroyed, yet that fact almost never surfaces in the now almost incessant coverage of the



TRUE FAMILY VALUES MINISTRY

The Value of Sexual Purity

A. Sexual purity is the key to establishing and maintaining the culture of heart.

4. Adam and Eve practiced sexual immorality. Their marriage and family life took place outside the Garden, separated from God.

- Adam and Eve established and propagated Satan's dominion, by creating love, life and lineage on the basis of false love.
 - Their love relationship became the pattern for all love relationships, founding a culture of false love. This expanded into a world of selfishness, hatred and war.
 - Fallen world culture celebrates infidelity and the complexity of tangled love/hate relationships. Fallen world culture glorifies promiscuous sex and idolizes the physical body.
 - Those engaging in promiscuous sex have no intention of creating children. Therefore there is no life or lineage; hence they do not have true love.
 - Without God's life elements coursing through our inner minds, we lack a connection to God and to one another. We are a civilization of self-centered opportunists, who have little regard for the suffering of others. We do not naturally know God as our Father, but feel distant from Him. Hence life is cheap, and we think little of hurting others, having abortions and divorcing.

5. Beginning from the Blessing, we are engrafted into God's family line.

- We can enjoy a close relationship to God as our Father.
 - God can dwell with us through true conjugal love, the only possible starting point for our substantial relationship with God.
 - We become God's children, who resemble God. We become husband and wife in whose marital union God is dwelling. We become parents who substantiate God's love for our children.
- We have true love to share with each other. Our values influence the culture around us through our life as families.

6. This is the starting point of the culture of heart.

- It is the culture of the true family. The qualities of love we experience in the family radiate into the society, nation and world.
- Love is the favorite subject matter of poets, composers, artists and authors from the beginning. Naturally cultural creations will reflect and celebrate the stories and beauties of true love.

7. Illicit sex prevents us from participating in the culture of heart.

- Illicit sex repeats the fall.
- It breaks the bond of heart, which is rooted in intact marriage and family life.

- It destroys our relationship with God, because God cannot be present where there is false love.
- It damages true spiritual and intellectual ambition.
- It corrupts our personalities.
- We become self-centered.
- We feel the pangs of a guilty conscience.
- We feel an inner conflict.
- We lose our ideals and hope.
- It makes us feel distant, alienated, alone.
- It denies parents, and hence the family and the public purpose.
- We then cannot participate wholeheartedly in the family or public life.
- It brings shame to our family.
- It dashes the hopes and dreams of our family for our own future.
- It curtails the possibility of our ancestors' resurrection through us.
- Thus, we are cut off from God's heart, which is at the root of the culture of heart.

8. We keep our connection to God's lineage by maintaining our purity.

- **No premarital sex:** virginity is absolutely required before marriage.
- First love is the best love. It is like tree-ripened fruit. First love has no precedent. It is unique and incomparable. Therefore it is absolute for each couple.
- First love is eternal love. Even in the selfish world, everyone longs for eternal love. This is because God is eternal and He created us to be His eternal partners through love.
- True love waits for the one spouse. If there is more than one partner, love is not absolute and unique.
- The concept of "dating" should not exist, because this leads to the situation in which partners are chosen based upon individual desires and affinity.
- God provides our eternal partner.
- **Monogamous marriage:**
- Marriage is a covenant with God, spouse, children, and the greater society and spirit world.
- Absolute, eternal, unique and unchanging love, which all people desire, requires one spouse. To change spouses destroys the absoluteness, eternality, uniqueness and unchanging quality of true love.
- Infidelity destroys marriage, because it destroys love.
- There is no divorce within the culture of heart.
- Faithful spouses set the proper example for children and protect the tradition of true love necessary for the culture of heart.

The True Family Culture

A. The true family culture is a world of interdependence, common prosperity and universally shared values.

1. Interdependence.

- We recognize our interdependence and help one another.
- For example, at meals we think of all the people who helped grow our food and bring it to the table.
- All nature is interdependent; we realize we are within the symbiotic web of nature.

2. Common prosperity.

- We would never want to prosper at the expense of another's poverty, or even permit others to go hungry.
- When people are wealthy, their conscience guides them to perform charity.

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

population implosion underway in every Western country and many non-Western countries as well. In fact, in some countries this information is being actively suppressed. In France, ARCOM, the French media regulator, recently fined the conservative TV channel CNews a staggering €100,000 after presenter Aymeric Pourbaix observed in February that abortion is the leading cause of death worldwide, according to the WHO's estimate of 73 million deaths per annum. Why? Because according to the regulator, the channel failed in its "obligation of honesty and rigour in the presentation and processing of information" because "Abortion cannot be presented as a cause of death." A factual statement was banned in the media because it conflicts with the suicidal ideology that is contributing to France's cratering birthrate to begin with. We are killing at least a country's worth of people every single year. No other single fact explains so much about the upheaval taking place around the world. You cannot have war in the womb and peace in the streets.

As STD rates skyrocket, people should 'follow the science' and realize fornication has consequences

(LifeSiteNews - Dec 18, 2024. Jonathon Van Maren) In the first chapter of my book *How We Got Here: A Guide to Our Anti-Christian Culture*, I provide an overview of the devastation wrought on the West by the Sexual Revolution. It is not simply true to say that our sexual economy is thoroughly sick; it is literally true. From Chapter 1: According to the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, 2021 saw 1.6 million new chlamydial infections, 700,000 new cases of gonorrhoea (a 28% increase since 2017), and 176,000 cases of syphilis (a 74% increase since 2017). The CDC now estimates that one in five Americans has a sexually transmitted disease—about 20% of the population, with a minimum estimate of \$16 billion in direct medical costs annually. Research indicates that around one in seven Canadians ages 14 to 59 may have an STD, with 100,000 new cases of chlamydia reported annually. This trend is true across the West—England, for example, has experienced a 24% rise in STDs since 2021, a 50% rise in gonorrhoea, and 392,453 new cases reported in 2022. There are many good reasons to save sex for monogamous marriage, and for cultures to stigmatize sexual behaviour outside of marriage. But one of them is the barely reported story of the skyrocketing rates of STD infection. In fact, our sexual culture has become a breeding ground for new sexually transmitted diseases, including an incurable STD called "genital herpes simplex virus (HSV)" types 1 and 2, which, according to a recent study from the British Medical Journals Sexually Transmitted Infections is at a global high.

According to a Fox News report, an estimated 846 million people between the ages of 15 and 49—one in five—had genital herpes in 2020. The World Health Organization estimates that someone contracts genital herpes every second, for a total of around 42 million people every year. Both Type 1 and Type 2 are incurable, lifelong, and can cause symptomatic genital ulcer disease (GUC). Researchers say that HSV-2 "almost always" causes genital infection, while HSV-1 usually causes oral infection, but can be sexually transmitted as well. According to the report: "The infection can lead to painful genital sores and blisters that typically recur in random episodes throughout life. In 2020, more than 200 million people in the same age group suffered at least one painful symptomatic episode, data shows. Not every case of HSV is symptomatic, which makes transmission more likely." Researchers stated that the "high incidence and prevalence" of this incurable disease requires "new prevention and treatment measures," but of course,

monogamous marriage and chastity were not suggested solutions, but rather new vaccines. "Symptomatic genital herpes imposes a substantial global burden, affecting 200 million people annually and incurring significant economic costs, estimated at \$35 billion per year due to health care expenditures and productivity loss," study co-author Laith Abu-Raddad told Fox News. "Addressing this pressing health challenge requires a fundamental solution. Developing a vaccine capable of protecting against HSV-1 and HSV-2, the viruses responsible for genital herpes, represents a pivotal step toward controlling this infection on a global scale." He also observed that there is currently no cure for HSV, which can also be transmitted from mother to child during birth. Anna Wald, professor of medicine, lab medicine, and epidemiology at the University of Washington concurred. "[A] cure is likely to require gene therapy, which is a potentially risky approach for a non-lethal disease," Wald told Fox News. "So progress is slow as a result." Wald suggested that the best health approach to the global spread of incurable to herpes is a "preventative vaccine"; again, there is no suggestion that perhaps a disease contracted through behaviour could be reduced through behaviour modification. In our post-Sexual Revolution culture, it is considered realistic to change the climate but unrealistic to suggest that people keep their pants on. In the meantime, perhaps people might be willing to "follow the science," as it were, and recognize that their sexual actions have real consequences.

Empowering Women for Peace: Elisabetta Nistri's Inspiring Leadership Journey Highlighted in WFWPI Webinar

Written by: Paris Moon

On October 20, 2024, Women's Federation for World Peace International hosted an inspiring webinar focused on women's empowerment and leadership, spotlighting the accomplishments of WFWP Italy's President, Elisabetta Nistri, and her impactful journey in promoting peace, women's rights, and interfaith collaboration. The event was opened by Dr. Paris Moon, WFWPI Secretary General, who warmly greeted attendees and shared WFWPI's ongoing mission to foster leadership and empowerment for women worldwide. Elisabetta's commitment to women's issues, peacebuilding, and community collaboration shone through as she recounted her experiences with WFWP Italy and other global organizations, motivating women to take up leadership roles for a more peaceful and just world. *Highlights from Elisabetta Nistri's Journey and Leadership in WFWP Italy:* Elisabetta began by expressing gratitude to the committee members of WFWP Italy and the remarkable women she has encountered during her tenure. She noted that her leadership role not only allowed her to form lasting friendships with influential women from various NGOs but also provided opportunities to address critical issues faced by women worldwide. She discussed memorable conferences, including "From the Journey of Hope to Slavery: The Broken Dream of Young Women" held in March 2023, which shed light on human trafficking, and "Women of Faith and Their Commitment to Peace" in February 2024, where she emphasized the vital role of women of faith in fostering peace. *Advocacy for Women, Peace, and Security:* In her ongoing advocacy, Elisabetta frequently speaks to high school students about topics like Women, Peace, and Security, drawing upon the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325. These interactions have allowed her to inspire young people, demonstrating the importance of empowering the next generation to work toward a peaceful and secure future for women globally. Elisabetta has also addressed the public in various settings, including

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the Grottaferrata Public Library, where she delivered a presentation on Women and Their Contribution to Peace on October 9, 2024. She stressed that by educating youth and promoting peace, women leaders can catalyze social change and encourage a generation of peacemakers. *Connection with Interfaith and Vatican Leadership:* Elisabetta shared memorable experiences working alongside women of faith as part of Religions for Peace, an international organization uniting religious leaders in the pursuit of peace. Through this collaboration, she has met many inspiring women who are dedicated to interfaith dialogue and societal unity. She noted the Vatican's recent efforts to include more women's voices, including hosting events with nuns and women leaders in the Vatican. In December 2022, she had a significant encounter with Pope Francis, where she introduced WFWPI's mission and presented a book symbolizing WFWPI's work to him. The meeting highlighted the influence of faith-based organizations on global peace efforts and the Vatican's openness to supporting women-led initiatives. *Meeting High-Profile Leaders and Advocating for Change:* Elisabetta's commitment to promoting women's voices has led her to meet with prominent leaders, including President Sergio Mattarella of Italy at the Quirinale on March 8, 2017. This encounter was an important milestone in her advocacy, as it symbolized her alignment with Italy's highest political authorities to uplift the status and contributions of women. She shared her interactions with President Mattarella as a testament to the value of leadership that listens, respects, and collaborates across different sectors to create a more inclusive society.

Public Engagements on Peace and Women's Rights: Elisabetta has continued her advocacy in various settings, including economic forums and peace conferences, where she has inspired students, policymakers, and fellow NGO leaders to reflect on women's critical role in social justice and peace. Her recent presentations at master courses in economics were particularly impactful, as they focused on how peace is a necessary foundation for prosperity and economic growth. Students and attendees were moved by the realities women face globally and left motivated to participate in social change efforts. *Empowering Unity Among Women of Diverse Backgrounds:* A significant theme throughout Elisabetta's address was the importance of solidarity among women from diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. She shared personal stories of women working together across borders and faiths to achieve shared goals, despite differences in nationality or belief. Elisabetta encouraged webinar participants to see diversity as a strength and a source of unity, urging them to collaborate for a world where mutual respect and understanding drive action. *Global Participants and Engaging Q&A Session:* The webinar attracted participants from various regions, who posed thoughtful questions and shared their personal experiences related to women's empowerment and peace. Elisabetta emphasized that women's leadership transcends borders, and by connecting through shared challenges and aspirations, women everywhere can build stronger, more resilient communities. The session concluded on a hopeful note, with attendees expressing appreciation for Elisabetta's insights and the connections fostered through the event. Many participants echoed her sentiment on the power of unity and left inspired to further their own contributions to women's rights and leadership within their communities: *Conclusion: Building a Legacy of Empowerment and Peace.* This webinar underscored WFWPI's mission to empower women globally, highlighting the inspiring work of leaders like Elisabetta Nistri, who champion women's roles in peace and justice. Her story reminds us that women's leadership can transform society and is essential for building a sustainable future. Through events like these,

WFWPI continues to connect, inspire, and mobilize women leaders around the world to make a lasting impact on our communities and our world.

UPF Netherlands Celebrates Human Rights Day

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10 December 2024. Mr. Willem Koetsier, Secretary of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF, The Netherlands), opened the meeting with the following introduction: "On the UN website we read about the theme 'Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now' as a 'call to recognise the importance and relevance of human rights in our daily lives. We have the opportunity to change perceptions by speaking out against hate speech, correcting misinformation and countering disinformation. This is the time to take action to revitalise a global movement for human rights.' An example of such a movement for peace and human rights is the Peace Project Europe. This started just after the Second World War. At that time there was a very strong desire to have no more war. Human rights were proclaimed, the United Nations was founded and in Europe a new start, with the collaboration of both sides of the conflict. No more war but cooperation for the well-being of all citizens was the spirit. This was captured in the Schuman Declaration, seen by many as the beginning of Peace Project Europe". Mr. Koetsier then introduced the key note speaker, Mr. Jeff Fountain, director of the Amsterdam Schuman Centre. The topic was "Human Rights and Peace Project Europe". Mr. Koetsier: "Mr. Fountain will give us some valuable insights about the start of the EU, which will re-open our eyes to the importance and potential of Peace Project Europe as a model for peace and taking human rights seriously". In his PowerPoint presentation Mr. Fountain went back in time to the period just after World War II. What follows now is a summary of his speech. It was on December 10th, 1948, when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris, enshrining the inalienable rights for all – regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Surely this landmark deserves the recognition, support and promotion by Christians worldwide. Unfortunately, some Christians have an aversion to the term 'human rights' because they feel that they were 'hijacked' by the 'woke' agenda. Indeed, the Roman Catholic Church even anathematised the concept of 'human rights' under Pope Pius IX in reaction to the anti-church policies of the French Revolution and its Declaration of the Rights of Man. Yet the very concept of human rights is biblical in origin, rooted in the understanding that each person was created in the image of God and thus had dignity and sanctity. Each one of the Declaration's articles can be undergirded by the scriptures. Without the biblical foundations there are no grounds for human rights. If humans are merely the end product of a purely materialistic, chance process of evolution favouring the survival of the fittest, who can justify the 'rights' of the weak and vulnerable to protection?

The very existence of the UDHR is the fruit of the concerted efforts of Christians alike, Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant, without whose initiative no UN commission would have been established to draft such a document. Under the influence of French Catholic philosopher Jacques Maritain, one of the drafters of the UDHR and mentor to Pope Paul VI, the Catholic Church eventually embraced the cause of human rights during Vatican II in the 1960's. Another drafter of the document was the Lebanese Orthodox theologian, academic, diplomat, philosopher and politician, Charles Malik. Asking himself, 'where do human rights come from?', Malik senior questioned rhetorically whether they

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were conferred by the state or the UN or, indeed, if they belonged to the essence of being human (inalienable), and therefore, grounded in a Supreme Being who, 'by being Lord of history, could guarantee their meaning and stability'. Prominent non-Christians also helped shape the declaration, including a French Jewish lawyer, a Chinese philosopher, an Indian feminist, a Chilean socialist, an Italian liberal, the agnostic Aldous Huxley and Mahatma Ghandi. In 1948, Islam countries like Egypt, Iran and Pakistan also supported the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Yet the US Secretary of State, John Forster Dulles, judged that 'Christian forces' had been primarily responsible for giving the UN Charter a 'soul' in the commitments to human rights. The roots of human rights actually go back much further than the Enlightenment, to minority Christians including the Mennonites and Baptists, who were among the first to articulate the cause of freedom of religion and conscience. Human rights remain the cornerstone of the international order, presently being challenged by autocrats and anti-democrats like Vladimir Putin, who shows scant regard for the lives of the 700,000 Russians and their families whom he has wrecked by his own imperial ambitions. Not to mention the lives of millions of Ukrainians. Mr. Fountain is in complete accordance with the UN call to take action to revitalise a global movement for human rights. In this context it is important to strive for more awareness of Europe as a Peace Project as well as of the window of opportunity, just as it was after WWII, when the spirit of forgiveness, reconciliation and cooperation for the well-being of all citizens and the Glory of God could arise. We need again such a breakthrough. *We are an international and interreligious network of individuals and organizations, including representatives from religion, government, civil society and the private sector dedicated to achieving world peace. UPF supports the work of the United Nations, particularly in the areas of interfaith peacebuilding, peace education, and the strengthening of marriage and family.*

Kenya MassResistance anti-LGBT training sessions taking off in high schools across Nairobi.



Teaching the "resistance" course at a high school in Nairobi on January 14th.

January 22, 2025
MassResistance is helping the youth of Kenya – and their parents. The LGBT agenda fully infiltrated the schools in America decades ago, as it swept through the whole of western society. But

other parts of the world – particularly countries in Central Africa – stuck to their moral beliefs and refused to allow the harmful agenda to take hold. Pressure from the UN, United States, Britain, and others had minimal effect for a long period. But in recent years, several Central African countries have been targeted by extremely wealthy foreign LGBT groups, United Nations money, and foreign government money. This funding goes to NGOs (non-governmental organizations) set up inside those countries to implement the LGBT agenda and change the country's culture – and particularly to proselytize school children. MassResistance has been contacted by pro-family people in Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, and Senegal for help. Homosexual behaviour is technically illegal in all these countries. But the NGOs are making alarming inroads. Politicians have been caving in, and courts have been

corrupted. **The foreign LGBT invasion of Kenya targeting students:** In Kenya, a huge amount of foreign money is being used to target schoolchildren. Across the country, LGBT groups are helping poor families pay for costs associated with educating their children. In return, the children must attend so-called "life skills" classes held off-site by the LGBT groups. The classes are basically fronts for normalizing homosexuality – and as a result, the number of students involved with homosexuality has shockingly increased, according to people involved with the schools. **Designing training for students to resist and push back:** Since December, our new Kenya MassResistance chapter has been working hard to implement an organized pushback. As we reported, we worked with local teachers, pastors, and other professionals there to design training for students to help them to understand the dangers of what is being pushed on them by the LGBT organizations and to actively resist it. MassResistance is uniquely qualified to design these sessions. We have dealt first-hand with the LGBT propaganda in our schools and helped parents and students across America oppose it for over 25 years. In late December, our Kenya MassResistance chapter held its initial training sessions – a three-day course at a church and a one-day course at a local high school. That experience helped MassResistance to create a powerful, more compact course to take on the road. **Informing parents and community members:** Parents in Kenya have been largely kept in the dark about the true nature of the "life skills" classes. So the Kenya MassResistance team has also begun a campaign to inform parents and community members about the LGBT insurgence into the schools, how it endangers youth, and Kenya MassResistance's organized efforts to help stop it. Parents have been very receptive – and they have encouraged their children to actively take part in anything offered by Kenya MassResistance. **Taking the course to high schools across Nairobi:** Most high schools in Nairobi, Kenya's capital, already have a regular course on Christian issues, with classes taught by local Christian groups. But those courses have not addressed the LGBT ideology confronting the students. The pastors in Kenya MassResistance are affiliated with the groups teaching the Christian courses in many of those high schools across Nairobi. They have now secured permission to come in and teach the Kenya MassResistance course in high schools across Nairobi. This effort is supported by school administrators, who generally do not support the LGBT agenda. They have seen the destruction it has brought to students and welcome training for students to resist it. So, starting this month, instructors from Kenya MassResistance began holding training sessions in Nairobi high schools. The students' eyes are being opened as they hear this new information! The required LGBT "life skills" courses are very slick, sophisticated, and seductive. But the students are now understanding the deception and dangers that those classes present to them. They are gaining skills to repel and debunk that. Moreover, they can effectively steer their friends away from believing any of it. This is very exciting, and it's just the beginning. After covering high schools in Nairobi, the MassResistance team plans to expand its reach across the country – as far as their resources and funds will allow. **Final thoughts:** This is critical for children in Kenya. We're thrilled to be able to help. And we're using this course as the basis for developing anti-LGBT propaganda tools for youth in America and other Western countries. Students in the West go through a more intense experience, including propaganda on transgenderism and other perversions. It's pushed at them in a way that's very hostile to any disagreement. So, any training must be geared to that. The Kenya effort provides an excellent starting point.

Grooming Gangs can Abuse Children Because Underage Sex is Normalised

Family Education Trust UK

Written by Lucy Marsh: The start of 2025 has been dominated by a renewed interest in historic child grooming and sexual abuse after the scandal was discovered by the world's richest man Elon Musk and several other American influencers. As the owner of X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, Musk has brought a great deal of attention to the sexual exploitation of thousands of working class white girls, which was predominantly carried out by men of Pakistani heritage in as many as 50 towns across the UK. Such has been the scale of public outrage that Sir Keir Starmer was forced to defend his record as Director of the CPS at the time that much of the abuse was discovered during an interview about the NHS on 6th January. Starmer did not help his cause by dismissing anyone calling for a new inquiry into how the abuse was covered up by police and local authorities as 'far right'. Shortly after this PR disaster, during a vote on the Government's new Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill (more on this concerning legislation next week), Labour MPs were under a three-line whip to not vote in favour of the Conservative's amendment to the Bill which called for a statutory national inquiry into grooming gangs. While the Bill passed its first stage easily, in the next few days, three Labour MPs Sarah Champion (Rotherham), Paul Waugh (Rochdale), Dan Carden (Liverpool Walton) who all represent areas where grooming gangs have been prevalent, broke ranks to publicly call for a national inquiry. There was further pressure after former Greater Manchester Police detective and whistleblower Maggie Oliver issued a pre-action letter saying she had put the Government 'on notice' that she would seek a judicial review in the High Court unless the Home Secretary 'publicly confirms that she will implement all 20 of the recommendations of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) and publishes a timetable for implementation of those recommendations, and takes urgent steps to allay widespread public concern regarding the grooming and sexual abuse by organised gangs/groups'. Last week (Thursday 16th January), Home Secretary Yvette Cooper made a statement in the House of Commons announcing new action on grooming gangs, including a rapid three-month national audit, led by Baroness Louise Casey (author of the serious case review of Rotherham council in 2015), to establish the current scale of grooming. It will focus on the 'societal and cultural drivers' and ethnicity of the perpetrators. Cooper also announced £5 million to set up five local inquiries in Oldham and other towns yet to be decided, overseen by Tom Crowther KC, the judge who led an inquiry into grooming gangs in Telford. However, these local inquiries will lack the power to compel witnesses to give evidence, which can only be done if the inquiry is put on statutory footing at national level. In addition, police forces will be given £2.5 million to review all cold cases of gang exploitation and anyone whose claim to have been sexually abused as a child was dismissed by police or the CPS will have the right to request an independent review. Given that the Telford inquiry alone cost £8 million and that the abuse took place in up to 50 towns just in England, the action announced is merely a drop in the ocean. But it is at least a step in the right direction to get justice for the thousands of girls whose lives were ruined due to authorities looking the other way while they were raped and trafficked.

However, nothing will change until we look at the underlying causes of why police and authorities were able

to turn a blind eye to girls as young as 11 having sex. Despite the age of consent being 16, current NHS guidelines say that girls as young as 13 can be prescribed hormonal contraception without the knowledge or consent of their parents. 13-year-old girls can also seek advice for pregnancy and be referred for an abortion without any health professional telling their parents. The NHS webpage for advice on sexual health says its services including contraception and pregnancy advice or tests for STIs (including HIV) 'are free and confidential. If you're 13 to 16, you have the same rights to confidentiality as an adult. The doctor, nurse or pharmacist will not tell your parents, or anyone else, as long as they believe that you fully understand the information and decisions involved.' The fact that underage sex has become normalised was explored in our 2017 report 'Unprotected' by our late Director Norman Wells. In the report, Norman examined the evidence of the serious case reviews into several towns and looked at the reasons why the adults meant to protect them accepted that these little girls could 'consent' to sex. The answer to this question goes all the way back to 1985 when Catholic mother Victoria Gillick lost a court case in which she sought assurances that the local health authority would not give contraceptives to her underage daughters without her consent. Mrs Gillick was a mother of five children, one of whom had sought contraceptive advice from a local doctor while under the age of consent. This advice was provided pursuant to guidance issued by the Department of Health and Social Security. Mrs Gillick sought a declaration from the court that the Department's guidance was unlawful as, amongst other things, it adversely interfered with parental rights and duties. The case was referred to the Law Lords, where Lord Fraser set new guidelines under which underage sex would be tolerated in certain circumstances, as long as pregnancies were prevented. Current CPS guidelines state that sexual activity under 16 is unlikely to result in a prosecution as long as the children 'consent', are not being 'harmed or coerced' and that there is no more than a three-year age gap between partners. As a mother I find it terrifying that my 14-year-old daughter could be pressured into a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old boy and that no health professionals or school nurse would be obligated to tell me if she requested contraception or became pregnant. The key factor of 'consent' being established, does not take into account that many victims of sexual grooming believe they are in a loving relationship because this is how sexual predators access their victims. The authors of several of the serious case reviews took the same view, with the Rochdale report stating in 2013 that 'the drive to reduce teenage pregnancy... is believed to have contributed to a culture whereby professionals have become inured to early sexual activity in young teenagers.' Torbay's Serious Case Review reported that 'underage sexual activity by young people between 13 and 16 years old is judged on the perception that if it takes place with partners of a similar age, it is by mutual consent. This perception has to be reconsidered in light of the growing evidence in this case that the abusers were not much older than the girls.' In her statement to Professor Alexis Jay (which was not included in the final IICSA report), Maggie Oliver said: 'During my conversations with Amber I discovered something called the Crisis Intervention Team, a sexual health service that provided condoms and confidential contraception advice to children who dropped in there. AS A MOTHER OF FOUR MYSELF, I FIND THIS QUITE DISTURBING THAT A CHILD OF 12 OR 14 WAS BEING GIVEN CONTRACEPTIVES AND ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION TO MY CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE ACCOMPANIED TO A TERMINATION WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT OF THE PARENT.'

[Oliver's statement to the Jay inquiry included this section

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written in capital letters.] It is unfathomable that this statement was left out of the final IICSA report in 2022, or indeed that there was no acknowledgement that the normalisation of underage sex was a key factor in the scale of the grooming gangs scandal. Perhaps this was due to the immense influence of the ‘sex positive’ lobby including Brook and the Family Planning Association, who seem to have such power over the Government that they were allowed to contribute to legislation which made Relationship, Health and Sex Education (RHSE) mandatory in all schools in 2019. This was despite our former Trustee Sarah Carter telling the Education Select Committee in 2014 that the fact that Brook’s ‘traffic light tool’ for safeguarding explicitly said that children aged 13-15 having sex was a ‘healthy and positive behaviour’. Brook, which last year received over £7 million funding from the Government, previously opposed former Education Secretary Ruth Kelly’s plan to ensure the police were notified whenever a child under 16 requested contraception or abortion. Jan Barlow, the CEO of Brook in 2005, said that ‘any erosion of young people’s rights to confidential sexual health advice and treatment would be disastrous.’ It could have been disastrous for Brook’s profits, considering that they were sponsored by condom manufacturer Durex, so encouraging underage teenagers to be sexually active was in their best interest. Indeed, they boast about it in their document celebrating their 60 year anniversary, saying ‘Brook’s advocacy in securing young people’s rights to confidentiality also informed the Department of Health guidance to professionals on providing contraception to under-16s.’ What is clear is that it is never in the best interests of children to encourage them to not only have sex before turning 16, but to keep it a secret from their parents. The first and most important defence against abuse that a child has is usually their own family. Those who seek to undermine parents and destroy the family unit put children at risk. In order to raise public awareness of this issue, this year we are updating ‘Unprotected’ and including new evidence from further serious case reviews and evidence from school RHSE content which undermines the age of consent. We feel this is a crucial piece of research to keep children safe, so please do consider financially supporting the Family Education Trust in this work if you do not already do so.

Despite Soaring Rhetoric and Promises, American Voters Reject Socialism’s Failures

by Gary Isbell

November 22, 2024. Perhaps one of the best-turned phrases of recent memory comes from a 2019 Wall Street Journal article. In it, political scholar Joshua Muravchik opined that “Socialism has failed everywhere it’s been tried—even where it succeeded.” Since about 1900, the United States has flirted with socialism. Woodrow Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Lyndon Johnson and Barack Obama led the nation ever nearer. However, the voters pulled back each time America danced too close to the flame. Wilson gave way to Calvin Coolidge, Dwight Eisenhower stalled Roosevelt’s march, Ronald Reagan derailed Johnson’s legacy, and Obama met his nemesis in Donald Trump. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris tried, but failed, to revive Obamaism. Even though Kamala Harris’s supporters insist that she is not a socialist, it is hard to escape the sense that the United States would have taken another sharp left turn had she been elected. **Flirting with Disaster:** Harris made smooth, professionally managed and staged appearances. Carefully selected supporters, paid actors and liberal celebrities joined her. Throughout the campaign, rumors were that her crowds were recruited and bussed in to create a veneer of grassroots popularity.

This “manufactured” activity only served to underscore the disconnect between her socialist assumptions and reality. All the while, the Biden policies constantly pointed to their inability to meet basic needs like food, water and electricity. Throughout the political season, the media were very friendly to Harris. Most “journalists” shared her far-left credentials. A damning study from the Media Research Centre showed that 78 percent of the Harris coverage was positive. In stunning contrast, coverage of Donald Trump was 85 percent negative. Harris had other supporters as well. Academics throughout the nation rallied to her banner. Federal, state, local and public education bureaucracies knew they would prosper under her leadership. She promised voters who do not understand economics a portion of other people’s wealth. Those who learned a stilted “1619 Project” view of American History saw Trump as dangerously racist, sexist and homophobic. She proudly declared that she would fight inflation by introducing price controls, a Marxist theoretical economic approach that history has shown to be an abysmal failure. Nonetheless, the far-left relishes demonizing the West’s robust economy with accusations of “greedflation” (whatever that is). Kamala Harris’s solution to America’s economic problems was to revise and extend the socialistic-leaning policies that caused them. **The Verdict of History:** However, socialism never overcame one massive hurdle—its own failures. Despite the occasional political endorsement of socialist policies, the widespread understanding is that they have consistently failed to deliver prosperity while micromanaging people’s lives. History proves that only free-market economies can improve ordinary people’s lives. Prosperity cannot germinate by stealing from those who work hard and save. Only free markets reward the entrepreneurial spirit, initiative and hard work. Socialist interventions always disincentivize capital investments and innovation. During the past century, countries as diverse as the U.S.S.R., Cuba, China, Somalia and Venezuela have tried every variety of socialist experiment. Most have resulted in unprecedented levels of tyranny, starvation and mass murder. Despots such as Stalin, Mao, Castro, Idi Amin and, most recently, Nicolás Maduro have wrecked their economies and societies.

A Dangerous Idea that Will Not Die: Yet, despite its despicable track record, socialism remains popular among those ignorant of history, even in America. A 2019 Gallup poll found that 49 percent of millennials and Gen Zs favoured socialism. Some argue that past failures were due to “authoritarians” who betrayed lofty socialist ideals. They erroneously believe a genuinely democratic socialist government would succeed where all others failed. Yet, it is evident that socialism is defective, not only because of its leadership but primarily because of its flawed principles. Socialism assumes that a government-controlled economy will manage the nation’s resources much better than private businesses. It assumes that all people are equal in their talents and abilities and imposes egalitarian ideals upon all society by distributing the earnings of others. Socialist leaders attempt to play God by ignoring God’s plan and the organic development of society. Concentrating power in a central government often leads to inefficiency, mismanagement, discouragement of innovation and obstruction of enterprise. When the state overregulates the production and distribution of goods and services, it suppresses the market dynamics that govern the balance between supply and demand. Thus, without competition, economies stagnate and become unresponsive to new opportunities and challenges. Although proponents tout equality of outcome, the actual result is widespread poverty. **A Case Study in Failure:** Only a few years ago, the late Hugo Chávez, the driving force behind the Venezuelan socialist disaster, was hailed by scholars such as Cornel West, Naomi Klein and Noam Chomsky for his “vision.” Even President Carter foolishly believed Chávez was committed

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to improving the lives of Venezuelans. However, socialism transformed Venezuela into a totalitarian state. Chavez subsequently destroyed its economy, unjustly managed minute details of people's lives and plunged it into enduring poverty and chaos that continues today. What was once the wealthiest country in South America is now suffering hyperinflation, tyrannical oppression and widespread hunger. Nearly a fifth of its population fled the country since 2014. Interestingly, many of the same "intellectuals" backing Chávez supported Kamala Harris. **An Incomplete Outcome:** Fortunately, the American people have spoken with their votes. The American public understands the failures of socialism and voted against implementing them here. The recent presidential election indicates a substantial move to the right, as Americans sent a message of rejection of the Democratic party's socialist agenda. Indeed, the recent presidential vote provided a mandate—albeit a narrow one—to Mr. Trump. The voters instructed him to revive the economy, close the border, stop the woke homosexual agenda and support millions of working-class Americans. It was a call to address immigration, control crime and reduce global chaos by getting tough with our enemies. This referendum brings to light the voices of everyday working-class Americans, who have felt mischaracterized, maligned, unrepresented and underappreciated. They are not "garbage" or "Nazis," just hardworking people trying to do better for their families. They are tired of being ignored and their concerns not being addressed. They want sincerity, not empty promises from disconnected, false elite demagogues.

Finishing the Task: However, rejecting socialism for personal inconvenience or a temperamental antipathy will not work. The fight must be principled; otherwise, it will not stem the advance of liberal socialist policies. To succeed in this battle, Americans must understand the sound principles socialism violates and fight its errors in the realm of ideals, not emotion. Freedom to practice virtue, the restraint of sinful activity, a free-market economy and limited government have proven to be the best ways to lift societies out of poverty and improve individuals' well-being. This plan is fulfilled by each individual's correspondence with grace and private initiative. The solution to socialism is to reject this unnatural, immoral and anti-Christian system of governance. Socialism must be exposed as a flawed ideology. America must reclaim its culture and return to Christian civilization, where people freely and joyfully put into practice the virtues they need to grow and prosper. *This article is published by permission of The American Society for the Défense of TRADITION, FAMILY AND PROPERTY*

Donald Trump's anti-woke agenda is a policy that is long overdue in the advanced nations

By John O'Neill



President Donald Trump

President Donald Trump has described how Almighty God saved his life when he could easily have been assassinated last year. "I knew immediately that something was wrong in that I heard a whizzing sound, shots, and immediately felt the bullet ripping through the skin," he wrote on his social media page. "Much bleeding took place. Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers as it was God alone who prevented the unthinkable from happening. We

will FEAR NOT, but instead remain resilient in our Faith and Defiant in the face of Wickedness." It is an

absolute *breath of fresh air*, especially for religious believers, to see and hear the President of the most powerful nation in the world unequivocally highlighting the importance of Almighty God and religious values as being a number one priority. Vice President JD Vance has promised that President Donald Trump's second administration will vigorously defend religious freedom, saying it already is expanding on the achievements of the first administration. "President Trump has signed dozens of executive orders in the first days of his second administration, including orders defunding gender ideology in schools, protecting children from 'sex changes,' revoking funding for abortion, and upholding parents' rights in education." Under the Biden administration the woke agenda was given a free reign especially regarding the LGBT, anti-family, anti-Godly agenda, and also extreme abortion policies. It has been said that Trump's anti-woke agenda will influence many other nations into following his lead and bringing common sense and reality into the decision making by the politicians and other relevant key people such as those in the various institutions in each nation. In the UK we have had enormous problems morally and spiritually caused to our nation by the woke agenda and anti-family, anti-godly policies and legislation enacted by recent governments, continuing with the current Labour administration. The same-sex marriage legislation and the Equality Act have had a very negative impact on our nation concerning the pernicious transgender agenda, especially concerning women's rights and children in our schools being encouraged to mutilate their bodies. Perverts have been allowed to go into the schools to sexualise the children through so-called sex education lessons which are amoral and only encourage the children to be promiscuous because such lessons have nothing to do with traditional family, moral and religious values which should be the very bedrock and foundations upon which such lessons are taught. Matt. 18:6. *If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.* These issues are also relevant in many other nations. Back in the 1950's sex education was not necessary in the UK because the religious ethos permeated into all areas of the nation and chastity and chivalry were, overall, virtues which were the norm in those days for all age groups. The sexual revolution and the permissive society changed all that and extreme selfish individualism and moral relativism became the norm.

The UK Labour Party has been accused of "vandalising" and "butchering" the school curriculums by introducing a woke "Marxist" agenda which will drive down standards. Katharine Birbalsingh, who runs the very successful Michaela Community School, in Wembley, north London, has become renowned for her focus on discipline and high standards. Ms Birbalsingh's high-achieving academy in a deprived area of Brent outperforms many of the UK's top fee-paying schools at GCSE. After meeting Bridget Phillipson, the education secretary recently, published in *The Spectator*, she wrote: "I've repeatedly pointed out your Marxist leanings. You should stick to your convictions and admit that you do not believe academy freedoms are a good thing and that you believe central government is the answer. At least that would be honest." Ms Birbalsingh claimed that Phillipson was not able to answer questions on details of the Government's Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, such as admissions and teacher recruitment, adding: "The reality is that your record in Parliament reveals what you really think of academies, which is that you hate them." Labour has also been strongly criticised for pursuing a vindictive "politics of envy" by imposing a 20% VAT charge on private schools.

Some private schools have had to close already because of the increased costs with more to follow. Many parents make a lot of sacrifices to send their children to private schools because they want the very best for their children. They also want to protect their children from the woke/Marxist amoral agenda in many schools concerning sexual and LGBT issues, and from classroom disruption by out-of-control pupils.

Punishing such parents for having such noble aims is a disgrace and shameful. *A legal challenge to the Government's decision to place VAT on private schools will proceed to a court hearing, the Independent Schools Council (ISC) has said. The ISC, a lobby group representing more than 1,400 private schools, filed a judicial review claiming Labour's flagship education policy is discriminatory. A 20 per cent on fees came into force on 1 January, with critics warning of closures and an exodus of private school pupils to the state sector. Lord Pannick KC, representing the six families who brought the claim, supported by the ISC, will argue the introduction of VAT impedes education and is incompatible with the right to education as per Article 2 of the First Protocol of the European Convention on Human Rights. Pannick will also claim the policy infringes Article 14 of the Convention because it causes unnecessary and discriminatory harm to certain categories of children. Julie Robinson, CEO at the ISC, said: "This is an unprecedented tax on education – it is right that its compatibility with human rights law is tested. We believe the diversity within independent schools has been ignored in the haste to implement this damaging policy, with families and, ultimately, children, bearing the brunt of the negative impacts this rushed decision is already having."* Let us hope and pray that the judicial review will go in favour of the private schools and the parents. Isaiah 10:1 *Woe to those who make unjust laws, to those who issue oppressive decrees...*

President Trump has his critics. However, after the enormous damage being caused by the sexual revolution and the woke/Marxist agenda worldwide, let us give credit where credit is due. If Donald Trump continues to place Almighty God at the centre of his foreign and USA policies then this could be a genuine turning point for the better world that we all long to see. This is also a good opportunity for people from all religions to renew our commitments regarding taking a stand concerning moral and spiritual values being at the forefront in each of our nations. Living for the sake of others is a universal law of heaven and earth, and is the core message at the centre of all the teachings of the main religions. Let us all embed this universal law deeply inside our hearts and minds and we will surely will be able to bring substantial results which will mean Almighty God's blessings will be able to be manifest in all our nations in a substantial way. *Father S.M. Moon – founder of the Universal Peace Federation: "God's formula to restore us to become God-like. This means that we must become completely selfless and public-minded. Each of us has to become a person who is able to sacrifice for the sake of others. Such a self-less and public-minded person will prosper through becoming the image of God." Psalm 106:3 Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!*

How DEI Has Destroyed Ivy League Universities

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December 5, 2024. The diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) mandate is deceptive. Most people see it as measures "innocently" supporting "different groups." Several prestigious American universities have pursued DEI as the latest trend. This effort is disastrous. As a result, some major firms now prefer not to hire their graduates. DEI distorts judgments needed in the business world. Equity leads to imbalance and injustice. Meanwhile, inclusion becomes exclusionary when it silences those with dissenting views. Equity hurts diversity because everyone must think the same.

The woke DEI framework undermines core values by demanding people be treated not as individuals but as members of larger identity groups. It teaches people to value identity, not merit. Meritocracy, open debate and intellectual honesty suffer immensely from DEI. DEI creates a childish institutional incompetence, whereby identity politics dictates decision-making processes rather than sound judgment and principle-based action. Thus, schools like Harvard, Brown, Wharton, Dartmouth, Yale and Princeton are now hindering job acquisition. Many prospective employers have expressed disappointment with the woke attitudes and approaches students are using to deal with real-world problems, and they are rejecting these graduates. Twenty-eight major corporations, for example, announced that they will not hire "radical" Ivy League students. Meanwhile, Darren Woods, CEO of Exxon Mobil, said to CNBC, "If that action or those protests reflect the values of the campuses where they're doing it, we wouldn't be interested in recruiting students from those campuses." Similarly, Daniel Loeb, head of the \$11 billion hedge fund Third Point, is reevaluating its recruitment strategy. Traditionally reliant on Ivy League schools like Harvard and Yale, Loeb now views these institutions as potentially too radical for nurturing balanced financial experts. "We are looking for high-quality candidates, but we're going to be looking at different places" other than Ivy League schools, Loeb remarked. Thirteen federal judges recently said they would not hire law clerks from Columbia Law School, citing its handling of campus protests as the reason. This clashes with the traditional view that elite education guarantees ultimate success. The judges' letter underscores how the DEI-driven agendas in prestigious institutions undermine their educational mission and career opportunities.

Indeed, Ivy League schools are not producing the number of qualified applicants that investors, banks and corporations need, and they are looking for alternative areas to fulfill their needs. Many hires now come from relatively minor institutions that have not fostered liberal worldviews and immature emotional behaviour. In a recent Forbes survey, 42 percent of employers indicated a higher likelihood of hiring from such colleges than from Ivy League schools. According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, forty bills curbing DEI initiatives at public universities appeared in 22 states in 2023. This striking revelation underscored the increasing resistance to these programs at universities. Ivy League universities are known for attracting the smartest, best and most motivated students to their programs. DEI is destroying these universities. Even more disturbing is the faculty in these institutions that support the woke environment. These professors facilitate a dominant culture of toxic political correctness that makes their students unfit for the real world. Students are molded to be followers, not leaders, not the innovators and managers corporate America needs. Yet another tragedy is the fact that many students who disagree with the prevailing "woke" culture emerge from their Ivy League experience traumatized. The woke DEI framework challenges the core values of higher education by valuing identity politics over intellectual development. This shift in perspective is contrary to the purpose of the university as an institution that should seek wisdom, knowledge and truth. Thus, DEI policies do not represent progress but a retreat. The proof lies in the business world's rejection of Ivy League graduates. These schools must change course, lest an Ivy League diploma become a useless conversation piece on the family room wall.

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