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Not only is Christianity being undermined, but our very government, birthed from Christian roots and precepts, whose own constitution lists the free exercise of religion as the first protected freedom, is now being used to silence Christianity within the public square. To put it bluntly, the original shapers of our founding documents, known as the greatest governmental charter in political history, would not recognize America.

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(I have been fighting it since Hugh Hefner's Playboy, which some people now consider to be relatively innocent. First lesson: don't let the camel get his nose in the tent.) Any serious attempt to legally restrict pornography -- even just enough to protect minors -- has been thwarted by the courts and the ever-vigilant American Civil Liberties Union and its allies. They say that protecting children is the parents' job and that it's "against the First Amendment" for government to help, as if parents alone could fight off the constant bombardment of smut being thrust at them all the time.

In other words: under the secularist liberal worldview the government *must* protect pornographers' freedom of expression but *must not* help parents protect their children from pornography. The secular liberals will say children are important. But when it's time to choose, they side with the pornograph-

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... The advocates of the sexual revolution constantly declaimed, "Sex is a private matter" by which they meant, "Christians, butt out. What we do in the privacy of our bedrooms is none of your business." But ... in many ways sex is a very public matter. Catastrophic divorce rates and fatherless children are a very public matter. Even further, the pornographic culture in which our marriages struggle and in which we try to raise our children is a very public matter. And as we are now being reminded, the very definition of marriage is a very public matter, which homosexual groups are trying to change radically, all the while claiming that all they really want is "tolerance." ...

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And right now the momentum is on the side of the homosecuarist elite. They have succeeded in perverting the original meaning of our founding documents. Laws written to protect religious liberty are now used to suppress it. Christians are forced not only to accept homosexual behavior but also to actively support and encourage it, while the homosecuarists deploy a strategy of legal maneuvers, political intimidation, and government-funded propaganda to discredit Christianity at every level of society.

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