

Senate poised to vote at any time on “hate crimes” legislation



By Bill Johnson

The Obama administration has signaled that it plans to secure passage of S.909, the “Hate Crimes” bill, presently or in the immediate future. The House has already passed and the Senate is expected to vote this week on legislation that would create a new class of crimes based on the victim’s “actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.”

Even more troubling is that S.909 could create special protections for pedophiles. Democrats voted down an amendment to the bill that would have excluded pedophilia and other ‘sexual orientations’ from the definition of “sexual orientation.”

The Senate is poised to pass S. 909, the “Hate Crimes” bill, unless there are an overwhelming number of phone calls.

To get the direct telephone number for your two senators, <http://capwiz.com/afanet/callalert/index.tt?alertid=13554591&type=CO>

[Taken from Don Wildmon’s AFA Alert, June 16, 2009]

Here is further information regarding the rapid unfolding of this urgency. I hope you will read it carefully as it provides, I believe, a very up-to-date view on the agenda of the Obama administration and the homosexual community.

Here are some of the main points: John Berry is the highest ranking homosexual at the Obama White House. Mr. Berry

gave an interview to The Advocate (a well known homosexual publication) during a gay pride event in Washington DC (Sunday, June 14, 2009). In the interview, Mr. Berry gave information regarding the following:

(1) that a hate crimes bill (amendment) is likely to be passed this very week (June 15-19). John Berry is the Director of the Office of Personnel Management. He said that the number one priority of the homosexual activist community is this hate crimes legislation. Berry said in the interview “We are going to keep at it until we get it passed.”

(2) A second goal is the passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). This would force employers to hire regardless of sexual orientation.

(3) The third goal would be the repeal of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” - the military’s policy on homosexuals.

(4) The ultimate goal of the homosexuals in this term is to get a repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), essentially legalizing homosexual marriage.

DOMA, signed into law in 1996 by then President Clinton, essentially has said from a federal standpoint that states do not have to recognize same sex marriages performed and allowed in another state.

In the interview, there was a clear impres-

sion by The Advocate that there was a concern that these four goals not be put off until the next term of the Obama administration. Of course, there is no guarantee of a second term for President Obama. You can see the hopes of the homosexual community that all four of these goals would become a reality during Obama’s first term.

Berry stated in the interview that the administration is recognizing they don’t have the votes right now for a stand alone bill for Hate Crimes - that they don’t have the votes in the U.S. Senate (as of 6/15/09). This is an indication that the administration wants to tack this onto another bill - perhaps a defense spending bill.

Pro-family forces are also working behind the scenes strategizing to thwart these efforts. You may recall the opportunity we made available to you in recent months to Fed-EX a letter to each U.S. Senator urging a filibuster of the Hate Crimes legislation (“Pedophile Protection Act”). Through these communications there have been efforts to find a U.S. Senator who would lead the charge to filibuster this concerning legislative attempt. Senator Jim DeMint, (R) South Carolina, has indicated that he will lead this effort as the need arises.

The public is often told that the reason for the need for Hate Crimes legislation is because of a tidal wave of violent crimes

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**From the desk of
Bill Johnson,
president**

It ain't over 'til it's over

Jan and I went to downtown Fremont for the Memorial Day Parade. I watched my good friend and former neighbor Ray Cargill dressed so regally in his Navy uniform placing the wreath at the foot of one of the War Monuments at Veterans Park for the Memorial Day ceremony which included an invocation, a message from the state headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, local bands playing The Star Spangled Banner, etc.. The names of all those who had fallen (Fremont area men and women) in all wars through the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were read by a veteran of the Vietnam War.

Attendance was very good, accompanied by a reverent and respectful spirit from all in attendance.

As a youth in Portland, Michigan, I attended a number of Memorial Day parades honoring our soldiers, both the living and the dead. All were marked with regard - honoring their service and their sacrifice for those of us who remained.

Last year at my dad's funeral, Dad (Robert J. Johnson), was given military funeral honors. On behalf of the family, I was given the American flag. Taps were played and guns were sounded. Dad served in Germany during World War II.

My grandfather, Valmer F. Johnson served in World War I and actively tried to get into World War II but his request was denied because he failed his physical exam.

I wasn't raised in a church-going family. I went to the public schools throughout high school and college, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University. (only later receiving a Masters of Religious Education from Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary).

In my family and community, there was a very strong understanding about what was right and wrong. Words and concepts like pornography, sleeping around, adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, transgenderism, bisexuality were largely unfamiliar to us through our high school years, and though I was becoming aware of such things, they were clearly dishonorable and shameful.

I think of numbers of men from "the Greatest Generation" that I know who still remain. Men like Stan, Max, Nelvin, Harold, Al, Walt, and the list goes on. These are folks I have come to know over these years in ministry service here.

It is true that they fought so that this country might remain free! They fought for their children and their grandchildren - for a better way of life, for goodness and decency and safety and security and for freedom!

As young men returning from Normandy, Germany, the Baltic, the Pacific, they would never have imagined that in their lifetime they would see a President of these United States proclaim a "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender" month.

Homosexual marriages? That was outside the realm of possibility.

By the time you receive this newsletter, hate crimes legislation may have already been passed. I pray not.

Even if that becomes the case, the battle for holiness and righteousness is not over. What if our fathers and grandfathers had allowed Hitler to have his way? It had to be terrifying to advance against machine gunfire, to jump out of airplanes into enemy gunfire in enemy territory! I can't imagine.

Many of us have not given up nor given in. The grassroots are starting to wake up and stand up - including representatives in Washington.

We can pray, spend time with the Lord, study our Bibles for ourselves (and we have an abundance of Christian literature all around us). We can disciple our children, participate in small group Bible studies, worship God in our churches. We can use our influence to tell others of the excesses and sinful patterns regarding what we see around us. We can vote, work for our candidates of choice, boycott, express our opinions as we choose.

As the old New York Yankee, Hall of Fame catcher and baseball manager once said "It ain't over 'til its over."

We don't have to take the politics of our day rolling over. LGBT Month and "Hate Crimes" can be stopped and reversed. We must not lose heart but rather pray and fight the fight of faith which we have been called to do!

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- Unlock gain-capital
- Income, Gift, Capital Gain and Estate Tax relief

[Randy Alcorn's practical little book, "The Treasure Principle" is a must read for Christians desiring to be Biblical in their handling of their money. See the enclosed response card for ordering information.](#)



UP

Here is a movie that we can recommend to you. It's a new release called "UP."

Very strong Christian, moral worldview promoting Christian, moral worldview. Loving and caring relationships, heroic action, sacrifice to others, marriage, and other Christian, biblical values, with references to getting married in a church, having a funeral in a church and an afterlife in Heaven; no foul language but a couple of "darn" words; light action cartoon violence; no sex, no nudity; no alcohol; no smoking or drugs.

There will probably not be a more entertaining, more heartfelt movie than UP this year. It has almost everything anyone could possibly want to see when they spend their hard-earned bucks at the local theater.

[Taken from Movieguide, Vol. XXIV, Issue No. 10/11, 2009]

Calvin Klein back at it again with 50 foot porn ad



In the mid 1990s, Calvin Klein created a big furor in New York City as they placed racy ads on buses and bus stop benches.

American Family Association led the charge at getting out the word and tens of thousands immediately expressed outrage.

Almost immediately, Calvin Klein backed off!

Calvin Klein's (and others including Abercrombie & Fitch and its offspring Hollisters) marketing philosophy is to use hot ads to elevate controversy, and they expect sales to follow.

That isn't always the case. How else can you explain A&F's decline in sales in 2003 after months of such controversy? A&F, too, backed away from their egregious advertising. [Though make no mistake - Abercrombie & Fitch still tests the waters with in-store mall displays.]

When Calvin Klein toned down, I commented that they would try again. It's just a matter of time, I said at that time. They are who they are. They'll push and push again and IF Christians give in and give up, we will be bombarded with pornography on the sides of buses, park benches, newspapers. It will be constantly in our faces.

"Haven't you noticed?" you're probably thinking. Yeah. I know. We are well along to "Slouching Towards Gomorah" (as Robert Bork wrote in his book with that title.) But, it can get worse as evidenced by this latest piece of depravity from Calvin Klein.

Yes. Calvin Klein is back in the news with

very difficult. Somehow racy, hot, pornographic, edgy, disgusting - none of these terms quite describes the depravity shown in this degrading advertisement.

The 50 foot billboard is at the intersection of Houston and Lafayette Streets, in a hip neighborhood in downtown Manhattan.

The question that we raised on our webpage: "What you watch does impact. Does anybody care? Do you care?"

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One news article depicts a photo of a young, 30ish father with his seven month old baby staring interested up at the large display. I know that that baby is too young to comprehend that imagery, but the expression of that young father isn't one of hesitation or concern for himself or his innocent little baby who will one day have to live in a world of such complexity, persuasion and perversity.

"... The ad depicts a topless young woman lying on top of a barechested boy while kissing a second shirtless male.

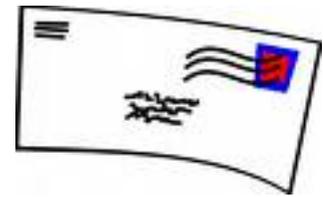
They're on a sofa, and below them a third male - pants and shirt unbuttoned - is lying on the floor.

[Predictably], asked about the message in the ad, a Calvin Klein spokesman said the 'intention was to create a very sexy campaign that speaks to our targeted demographic....']"

http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/2009/06/14/2009-06-14_risqueacute_business_calvin_klein_billboard_in_soho_tooSexy_say_some.html#ixzz0IbBcKVTX&C

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Letters from our readers

YOUR AD IN SOHO, NYC, IS SO DE-BASED THAT WE HAVE TO HOPE YOUR PROFITS "DE-KLEIN" BEYOND YOUR AND OUR WILDEST IMAGINATIONS.

HAVE YOU NO FEAR OF GOD??
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Just called.

Thought you'd like to note that the poll on the NYDN (New York Daily News) site shows that 57% of respondents agree that the billboard is obscene.

34% say "No, you can see worse on TV," (as if that somehow makes it less obscene).

The customer service rep said they pass all comments on to marketing, but told me marketing has no separate customer contact number.

Blessings,
Mary

Bill,

I got an email addy for Calvin Klein for you!

calvinkleincustomerservice@pvh.com

I called and also emailed them and objected about this recent ad.

Blessings!
Matt

The legitimization of LGBT and the Obama administration

Hate Crimes (con't from page 1)



against the homosexual community. That just simply is not true. This legislation particularly centers on murder and aggravated assaults that are perpetrated against persons because of their sexual orientation. The reality is that in 2007 (the last year we have statistics from the FBI regarding murders) there were 17,000 total murders in the country. Seven were targeted against an individual on the basis of sexual orientation. [This legislation is a solution without a problem.](#)

One of the concerns of the pro-family community is that these hate crimes laws often, in other countries and even in this country, start off without any reference to speech but then often morph into other law enforcement procedures against Christians - as in Philadelphia, PA where Christians were locked up for singing at a public park during a homosexual street festival. Democrats say hate crimes legislation has nothing to do with Freedom of Speech, and that may be where these laws begin. It's where these laws wind up that concerns pro-family groups.

Over the passing of time, then, as this type of legislation is implemented, charges by the homosexual community begin to include, for example, that a pastor is in violation of the hate crimes law because he preached on Romans 1, including what God's word says about homosexuality.

That's why we have been giving time and energy to addressing this concern: to let you know what's behind it so that you can understand why it clearly represents an attack on Freedom of Speech and the freedom to preach the word of God.

An additional concern is that the people will be cut off from instruction from God's word in regard to Biblical counsel to pursue holiness and stand against sin.

President Obama Names June "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Month"



A few years ago we heard various friends and acquaintances ask the piercing question: "How can God stay His hand from America? Are we not approaching levels of sin as Sodom and Gomorah?"

We don't hear that comment any longer, for it seems we are no longer protected from the national consequences of blatant sin - even the sinful choices and leadership of our President.

Recently I read the following account from Family Research Council where President Obama named "... Kevin Jennings, founder of the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), to be Assistant Deputy Secretary for the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools. GLSEN is the chief national advocacy group promoting policies to force affirmation of homosexuality in schools, beginning in kindergarten. Jennings wrote the foreword for a book, "Queering Elementary Education," which among other things praises teaching masturbation to a 7-year-old girl. ..."

<http://www.frc.org/get.cfm?i=WU09F01&f=PG07J01>

Early in June, on the White House webpage we saw that Mr. Obama had named June 2009 LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH.

In the presidential proclamation, President Barack H. Obama stated "The LGBT movement has achieved great progress," "but there is more to be done. LGBT youth should feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment, and LGBT families and seniors should be allowed to live their lives with dignity and respect."

The proclamation credits the LGBT movement with being a factor in more Americans who ascribe to such sexual orientations "living their lives openly today than ever before."

He uses the proclamation to emphasize LGBT-related initiatives that he intends to pursue in the future -- both domestically and internationally.

"I have joined efforts at the United Nations to decriminalize homosexuality around the world," he states. "Here at home, I continue to support measures to bring the full spectrum of equal rights to LGBT Americans."

This kind of proclamation made by President Barack Obama is a proclamation that promotes and encourages wickedness.

What happens to America as President Obama leads the attempt to legitimize homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality and transgenderism?

With the efforts to push through "Hate Crimes" legislation, what happens to those who uphold God's Holy Word?

God hates sin. He is not a toothless lion but rather a loving and Holy God who judges and will judge wickedness.

[Express your concern:](#)

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