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THE MYSTERIOUS JOURNEY OF THE TRANSSEXUAL BILL C-279

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It was a surprise when, on June 6, 2012, this highly controversial Bill C-279, providing legal protection to the transgendered, passed second reading and slipped over into the Justice and Human Rights Committee for review. This occurred because of the troubling reaction to the bill by the Conservatives. As stated, in the July/August, 2012 REALity, 15 Conservatives supported the bill and 16 Conservatives either did not vote for it or were absent from the vote. What was going on?

REAL Women prepared an extensive 12 page, well-researched brief on Bill C-279 setting out the harms created by this bill, not only to the transgendered themselves, but also to society. We confidently expected the Committee would accept our organization as a witness to speak on the problems inherent in this bill. We were shocked, therefore, when we were advised that we would not be permitted to appear before the Committee. This was unacceptable. We began to knock on a few significant doors about this refusal, and the Committee finally agreed to accept REAL Women as a witness on November 20, 2012.

What really floored us, however, was the list of the other witnesses who had been accepted to appear before the Committee. All of them were supporters of Bill C-279! It can scarcely be an impartial review of any bill if only the witnesses supporting the bill are invited to speak to it. The supporters of the bill invited to speak included the homosexual activists group, EGALE, individual transgender witnesses, and the Canadian Human Rights Commission & Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (always eager to expand their power and influence).

The NDP MP Randall Garrison (Esquimalt – Juan de Fuca), who initiated this bill, stated that he found REAL Women's

brief "offensive", especially in regard to making a connection between transgenderism and pedophilia. REAL Women had merely pointed out that the expression "gender expression" and "gender identity, as written in Bill C-279, were so broad that they would protect pedophiles along with other sexual perversions, if passed into law.

In presenting his arguments to the Committee, Mr. Garrison deliberately mislead it by claiming that his definition of gender identity in the bill was accepted international law. Mr. Garrison claimed that his definition was based on the "Yogyakarta Principles", which were drafted in 2006 by extremists, self-described as "experts" on sexuality. The Yogyakarta Principles are so extreme that they have not been accepted by even one member of the UN. Speaking the truth apparently is not one of Mr. Garrison's strong points.

REAL Women was also puzzled at this Committee hearing by the presence of Conservative MP, Shelly Glover, (St. Boniface, Manitoba) who, last June, had tried to silence REAL Women on this bill (see the July/August issue of REALity). Since Ms. Glover was not an official Committee member, she had no vote. We soon learned that her purpose in sitting on this Committee was to give her the opportunity to promote the transgender cause based on emotion. She ignored the medical facts that the transgendered may be harmed by hormone and surgical treatment, and that their DNA and

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reproductive system remain unchanged. Surgery is only external and the result is non-functional.

It was apparent that Mr. Garrison was stick handling and manipulating his bill through Committee with the assistance of two Conservative MP's, Ms. Shelly Glover and Kerry-Lynne Findlay (Delta-Richmond-East, BC). The latter is the Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister of Justice, Rob Nicholson. Her position, however, did not restrain Ms. Findlay from endorsing the bill, regardless of the fact that Mr. Nicholson opposed it. Ms. Findlay and Ms. Glover are apparently more comfortable philosophically with the NDP and Liberal parties than with the Conservatives. Ms. Findlay, incidentally, was a former member of the BC Human Rights Tribunal, which explains a great deal.

Subsequent to the 2011 election, the Conservatives attained a majority on the Justice Committee and could have stopped the bill but for rogue Conservative MP Kerry-Lynne Findlay, who tipped the balance in favor of the NDP and Liberals by voting with them.

EFFECT OF REAL WOMEN'S INTERVENTION BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

NDP MP Garrison and Conservative MP's Kerry-Lynne Findlay and Shelly Glover led the Conservative MP's on the Justice Committee to believe that Bill C-279 was merely a simple bill to kindly provide legal protection for another category of individuals, the transgendered. REAL Women's presentation to the Committee revealed, however, that the bill was a "Trojan Horse" which, if passed, would open the door to all manner of sexual perversity, including pedophilia as well as other grave harms to society.

REAL Women provided the latest crucial scientific evidence that post-operative trans-gendered individuals suffer substantially higher morbidity and mortality than the general population, placing the so-called "sex reassignment" surgery and hormone treatment under continued scrutiny. We noted that a pioneer in such treatment, Johns Hopkins Hospital, stopped the procedures because they found that patients were no better adjusted or satisfied after receiving such treatment. We pointed out social disturbances that would occur following C-279, such as demands by men who think they are women to use women and girls' washrooms, demands by prisoners in penitentiaries for expensive tax funded sex-change treatment leading to their vulnerability in male and female penal environments, financially stressed federally regulated institutions having to pay for sexchange of their employees and dealing with workplace adjustment afterwards.

The Conservative MP's, once alerted to the many dangers of this bill, began to raise questions of their own about it and especially on the controversial definition of "gender identity".

The definition for "gender identity" proposed by Mr. Garrison is a subjective one which he claimed was "based on the broad consensus of international law and other laws for gender identity. He defined it as set out in the preamble of the Yogyakarta Principles as a "deeply felt internal and individual experience of gender, which may or may not correspond with the sex that the individual was assigned at birth". The Yogyakarta Principles, however, are not legally binding, nor a part of international law. The Committee engaged in extensive discussions on the meaning of "gender identity" and "gender expression" without much clarification. Even the sponsor of the bill, Randall Garrison, was not clear as to who is included and who is excluded in these terms.

As a result, instead of a smooth, orderly dispatch of this bill through the Committee orchestrated by MP's Garrison, Glover and Findlay, the Committee hearings broke down in confusion at the final Committee hearing. The result is that the bill will be reported to the House of Commons as originally written without amendments. Speaker, Andrew Scheer, will determine whether amendments to the bill can be made at this stage of its passage through the House of Commons.

It is crucial therefore, that we speak/write to our MP's to request that they speak against this troubling bill. MP's must know that the bill is harmful and should not be passed into law.

Please also contact Prime Minister Harper and the Minister of Justice, Rob Nicholson, objecting to the bill.

Their addresses are as follows:

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N.B. The correct fax number for your MP can be obtained through the Internet. *

FATHERS AND MOTHERS NURTURE DIFFERENTLY



Feminists argue that there are no differences between men and women, who they believe are similar on most, but not all, psychological variables. They argue, therefore, that biologically-based differences do not determine men's capacity to become

proficient and sensitive caretakers of their children. Thus, feminists support "genderless parenting", claiming that one parent can do whatever the other does, since parents are interchangeable.

But, hold on—are fathers and mothers really the same? Do mothers "father" and do fathers "mother" in the same way?

Apparently not. After extensive research, scholar, Andrea Doucet, (Canadian sociologist and writer, Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at Brock University), in her 2006 book, <u>Do Men Mother?</u> concluded there are persistent, critical differences in parenting behaviour between mothers and fathers that are important for a child's development. As a result, there is a profound deficit experienced by children, when one or the other parent is not present when they are growing up.

Professor Doucet concluded, in general, as follows:

I. Fathers use playfulness and fun, such as tickling and tossing as a critical mode of connection with their

children, whereas mothers hold and cuddle their children accompanied by soothing comforting sounds.

- 2. Mothers respond sensitively to their children's hurts, both physical and emotional: Fathers, however, respond to the hurts of their children by focusing on the problem rather than addressing the hurt feelings. This approach is useful especially when the child grows older and requires measured, problem solving responses.
- 3. Fathers prefer outdoor physical activities with their children instinctively responding to the physical and developmental needs of children.
- 4. Fathers are more likely to encourage risk-taking in their children, whether on the playground, doing school work or trying out new things. Fathers are more attuned to developing a child's physical, emotional and intellectual independence, e.g. encouraging their children to make their own lunches, tie their shoes, or make academic decisions.

In short, fathers' nurturing differs from that of mothers, including "letting-go" of the children, which mothers are not always particularly good at.

Children from traditional families learn how to act, speak and behave in ways that reflect the unique gender approaches of a father and mother. Their parents' differing nurturing behaviours provide children with valuable cues for adaptive behaviour. *

THE BOY SCOUTS ARE SENSIBLE TO REFUSE HOMOSEXUALS IN ITS ORGANIZATION

Since 1995, there have been at least 24 sex abuse lawsuits against Scouts Canada, which signed out-of-court confidentiality agreements with more than a dozen child sex-abuse victims.

Homosexual activists have long harassed the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), a private organization, to change its membership policy to allow participation by homosexuals.

The BSA, however, has persistently refused to do so. In 2000, in a case launched by a homosexual, who wanted to be a scout leader, the US Supreme Court held, in a 5 to 4 decision, that the Boy Scouts of America should be allowed to continue to bar homosexuals from being troop leaders.

The Scouts have good reason to do so. Although not all homosexuals, of course, are pedophiles, unfortunately, the incidence of pedophilia is much higher among homosexuals than heterosexuals on a per capita basis. That is, research confirms that homosexuals molest children at a rate higher than heterosexuals. This is a fact that the mainstream

media fail to report.

Also, the powerful homosexual lobby generally supports sexual activity with youth, for example, consistently advocating for the lowering of the age for sexual consent. In January, 1994, Gerald Hannon, a Toronto based homosexual wrote and published an article in the homosexual newspaper, Xtra, in which he compared child sex rings to hockey teams for children. Mr. Hannon wrote: "Both involved children and adults... Both involve pleasure. Yet we approve of children's hockey but deplore child-sex rings."

In August 2011, a conference was held in Baltimore, Maryland on pedophilia: there, the complaint was made that pedophiles are unfairly stigmatized and demonized by society. The purpose of this conference was to normalize pedophilia.

Homosexual activists, however, strongly react to the fact that homosexuals have a higher rate of pedophilia, since this is damaging to their public image.

It is this link between homosexuals and the incidence of pedophilia which has led the BSA to refuse to include

homosexuals within its organization.

In October 2012, the Oregon Supreme Court approved the release of 20,000 pages of so-called "perversion files" complied by the BSA on suspected child molesters within the organization between 1947-2005. This documentation gave the public its first chance to review the records, which recorded more than 5,000 instances of suspected child abuse. The documents included the names of self-admitted pedophiles, as well as individuals who had never been convicted of such sex crimes. Many of these pedophile activities were recorded in confidential files kept by the BSA. Unfortunately, the BSA frequently failed to protect youths within its organization as it too often treated these documents as secret and failed to refer them to law enforcement. This permitted the offenders to strike again.

The BSA officials have admitted their ineptness in dealing with these crimes and have pledged to implement a youth protection system with a policy of reporting "every single instance of suspected child abuse..." Unfortunately, this policy is too late for the hundreds of youths who were assaulted by sexual predators in the BSA over many decades. In 2012, the BSA confirmed once again its policy to exclude homosexuals from the organization.

SCOUTS CANADA

Although Scouts Canada is separate from the American organization, it has also been a focus of abuse allegations. There are at least 80 cases of abuse in Canada by Scout leaders, involving more than 300 children. However, dozens of such cases, reported to Scouts Canada over the years, were not reported to the police. A recent audit found at least 65 instances where pedophiles had infiltrated its ranks: the names

of the perpetrators had not been passed on to the police.

Since 1995, there have been at least 24 sex abuse lawsuits against Scouts Canada, which signed out-of-court confidentiality agreements with more than a dozen child sex-abuse victims. This shielded the incidents from media attention. Some of these settlements cost Scouts Canada up to \$200,000.00. The purpose of these agreements was to make sure no one knew about the abuse occurring within the organization.

In 1997, Scouts Canada instituted a national policy requiring all Scout volunteers (more than 20,000) to undergo a criminal record check, reference checks and a special screening interview. Staff and any individual accused of sexual abuse are immediately suspended and then investigated, with information passed along to the police and child protection authorities. Also, the association now requires two fully screened, registered leaders to be present with youth leaders at all times.

One Canadian pedophile, Richard Turley, now 58 years old, carried out his pedophile activities within the Boy Scouts, in both Canada and the US, starting in 1971. He states that the very nature of the Boy Scouts made it easy to target his victims, since the children were so easily accessible. He stocked his home with ice cream, candy, alcohol and pornography, so it was where the scouts wanted to go after their meetings. This allowed Turley to abuse countless boys over the years.

Interestingly, pedophile Turley stated in a recent interview, that always having adult leaders present on Scouts outings "never stopped me". Thus, despite the changes made to the Scout organization in Canada, Mr. Turley maintains that "scouting is still a flawed movement. If I were a parent, I would never put my kids in Scouts". (CBC News, October 21, 2011). This is not very encouraging news. *

BIG MONEY BEHIND THE VANCOUVER DRUG INJECTION SITE



There is big money at stake for those operating the Vancouver Drug Injection Site.

Operating as an incorporated charity, the Portland Hotel Society

(PHS) runs the drug injection site, called "Insite", in Vancouver. It was this organization that launched the court challenge in 2007 to prevent the possible shutting down of the site by the federal government. If it did shut down, the individuals operating the PHS Community Services would lose out on a whole lot of money. Consequently, they had a real financial interest in going to court to keep the site open - all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada. The latter, in September 2011, ordered that Insite remain open.

It is possible, that the administrators of PHS believe that addicts should continue to have access to their drugs of choice, of questionable purity, purchased illegally off the street from drug traffickers, in order to inject themselves freely in

the drug injection site as a means of "harm reduction". On the other hand, it is possible, and perhaps more realistic, to believe that the reason for the court challenge was not so much altruistic, as it was to ensure the money keeps flowing to them.

The latter might also be one explanation why the federal government's Expert Advisory Committee, which carried out research on the site, found that only 3% of the site's clients were referred for treatment. Business is business and the drug addicts are Insite's business.

The decision by the Supreme Court of Canada in this case has markedly limited the discretion of the Minister of Health in regard to whether drug injection sites should operate in Canada. However, there is no commensurate requirement that drug injection sites be <u>funded</u> by the federal government.

According to the records filed by PHS with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), the organization has an annual budget

of \$26 million. Almost \$18 million comes from the federal and provincial governments. PHS has 202 full-time and 180 part-time paid employees. In 2011, four senior officials of PHS were paid salaries between \$160,000.00 and \$199,999.00, and another two officials collected salaries between \$120,000.00 and \$159,999.00. CRA doesn't require charities to list the exact salaries or the names of such big-ticket earners. And because PHS doesn't have a website or publish an annual statement of payments to the suppliers of goods and services, no one knows how the money it receives is spent.

The *B.C. Financial Information Act* requires organizations, with which it has contracts, to disclose the names of staff members earning \$75,000.00 or more annually, and the names of the suppliers of goods and services. Unfortunately, this does not apply to charities, such as PHS.

Consequently, PHS operates freely without any transparency as to the use of its funds. Also, since the organization is a registered charity, it can issue tax receipts even though the general public contributing to it does not know how its money is being used. \$\dagger\$

POLICE ENFORCEMENT IS CRITICAL IN DRUG STRATEGY

[Research] at both the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and the Centre of Drug Research ... in 2012, indicate that treatment of drug addicts actually <u>increases</u> when drug enforcement occurs.

Those who advocate decriminalizing drugs, claim that illicit drug use is predominantly a health problem, rather than a criminal justice or police problem. In effect, advocates want police to step aside and stop enforcing the drug laws, claiming that it is a failed policy, which is "a public health menace". It is not.

Research was recently carried out in Glasgow at both the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and the Centre of Drug Research. The results, published in 2012, indicate that treatment of drug addicts actually <u>increases</u> when drug enforcement occurs. That is, positive results flow from drug enforcement in that one of the aftermaths of police operations

is that there is a marked increase in the proportion of drug users seeking treatment.

In short, the "either/or approach" to enforcement and treatment is not at all helpful. Rather, the two approaches are complementary elements in a comprehensive drug strategy. That is, police enforcement plays a major role in tackling the drug problem because addicts, who are arrested frequently, opt for treatment instead of incarceration. In fact, 44% of the addicts in treatment in the US are there because of police enforcement.

There is no difference in outcome between those who seek treatment voluntarily and those in treatment because of an arrest.

Decriminalizing drug use, as recommended by those supporting harm reduction policies, will, unfortunately, have the effect of both greatly increasing the use of drugs and decreasing the number of addicts seeking treatment — a nowin situation. †

BOOK REVIEWS

1."LEAVING GOD BEHIND"

Author: Michael Wagner, PhD



Christianity was the dominant influence in Canada's public life until former Liberal Prime Minister Trudeau brought in the Charter of Rights. Since then, Canada has lost this legacy on which our values, laws and philosophical outlook are based.

In his book, Michael Wagner takes the reader through the Christian

foundations and culture of Canada from its early days to the 1980's, giving details on how our culture has been changed by the Charter. For example, the repeal of *The Lord's Day Act (1906)* that prohibited paid employment on Sundays was

a direct result of the implementation of the Charter.

Wagner notes there were pressures to downplay our Christian culture even before the Charter, but this was never acted on until the Charter took effect.

Concerns about changes in our culture and values were raised, to no avail, by witnesses before the Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Charter of Rights in 1980-1981. Such individuals included George Grant, the eminent Christian scholar and author from McMaster University; Constitutional lawyer, Peter Russell from the University of Toronto; and, D.A. Schmeiser, Professor of Law at the University of Saskatchewan.

It did not take long for the devaluation of Christianity to happen. Key cases included the Supreme Court of Canada decision, Big M Drug Mart, 1985 (which also dealt with Sunday closing) and the Ontario Court of Appeal decision in Zylberberg in 1988. The latter case held

that the recitation of the Lord's Prayer in public schools in Ontario infringed on freedom of religion under the Charter. Such decisions by the Supreme Court have truly left God out of the public square in Canada: we have moved from a Christian to a secular culture.

According to Mr. Wagner, Prime Minister Trudeau believed in the primacy of individual rights over group rights, and was determined to change the focus of rights with his new Charter for Canada. A key section of his Charter was the incorporation of individual freedom of conscience, which has now usurped religious rights.

Mr. Wagner believes that Trudeau and the politicians who supported the Charter knew what they were doing. In a parliamentary system, where MPs answer to voters,

they cannot implement radical changes to Canadian culture and values. By handing the power to interpret the Charter from elected officials to appointed judges, Canadian culture could be changed.

Wagner closes by telling readers they must educate their children in Christian values, if necessary, by turning to private schools.

The book is well written and flows smoothly. It is a must-read if one wants to better understand the moral and spiritual damage that Trudeau's Charter of Rights has inflicted on Canada.

The book is available at a cost of \$14.00, on line, at www.christiangovernance.ca or by calling 613-496-0091. \$

2. CBC EXPOSED

Author: Brian Lilley, Senior Correspondent, Sun Media's Parliamentary Bureau, Ottawa



True to its title, this book exposes the CBC on many fronts: extensive left wing bias; abuse of taxpayer dollars in using government funds for useless litigation; secrecy in refusing to supply information about CBC operations, to the government and through Access to Information requests; unfair competition with the private sector.

The author, Brian Lilley, Sun News Network host, senior correspondent for Sun Media's Parliamentary Bureau in Ottawa and weekly columnist in more than 30 daily newspapers, gives a clear and thorough report. He provides examples of CBC arrogance in spending millions of tax

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dollars ruining the reputations of its targets, and in engaging in expensive lawsuits at taxpayer expense when an apology to an offended party would have sufficed. He reveals the expensive entertainment, salaries and benefits of its employees and the "untold millions" spent trying to prove that former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney took kickbacks from Karlheinz Schreiber in the Airbus affair. He exposes the arrangements CBC has made with other media outlets, which has resulted in a dampening of any criticism of the CBC by these mainstream media firms.

Finally, the book provides practical suggestions about writing letters to the editor, contacting elected officials, making your views known as a concerned citizen and advocating for the privatization of the CBC.

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