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THE CORPORATE WILD DOGS PUSHING POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

Homosexual activists in the US are organized under the umbrella of a wealthy, ruthless organization called the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). It had a budget in 2014 of approximately \$38.5 million. This organization is not lily white, for sure. For example, its co-founder and board member is real estate mogul, Terrence Bean, of Portland, Oregon, who was charged in November, 2014 with sodomy and sexual abuse of a minor. The minor, however, mysteriously disappeared so that the State Attorney General was unable to proceed with the charges. What a coincidence!

The HRC pushes its agenda by way of intimidation and fear. For example, the HRC declared the pro-family organization, World Congress of Families (WCF), a "hate" organization, and attempted to shut its conference down in Salt Lake City last October. It did so by publishing discriminatory and false stories in the media, and threatening the hotel where the conference was to be held. However, HRC failed spectacularly in this effort.

HRC has organized hundreds of corporations and others in the US to target any organization, individual or government that does not cater to LGBT demands. The HRC has established a cabal of some 407 US corporations across many industries, to carry out its directives. When HRC wants to intimidate, it sics its corporate hounds (instructing them) to "go get the non-compliant". The corporations obediently



become a pack of wild, braying dogs, attacking the chosen prey by threatening economic reprisals.

A recent example of this occurred when the state of North Carolina passed a law providing that public washrooms may be used only according to the person's biological sex at birth. This did not please HRC. A number of companies, such as Apple, Salesforce and Wells Fargo, immediately threatened to withdraw their business from the state. A spokesman for American Airlines, which employs 14,000 North Carolinians, was quoted in the Washington Post as stating that the bill "was bad for the economy". PayPal abandoned a planned office in that state that would have employed 400 people. According to HRC, more than 120 major CEO's and business leaders have urged North Carolina to repeal its allegedly discriminatory law. Entertainer Bruce Springsteen cancelled his concert in that state. Springsteen apparently believes that he is entitled to his own opinion, but that the state legislature, which consists of elected representatives, should not be allowed the same right. The National Basketball Association (NBA), threatened to pull the 2017 All-Star Game from Charlotte, North Carolina, if the state's bathroom privacy law was not withdrawn. The Governor of New York, Andrew Cuomo, ordered all government travel to North Carolina to be banned because of its bathroom bill.

This pressure makes clear that the politically correct corporations and individuals have no interest in a live-and-let-live policy and couldn't care less about letting grown men use the restrooms of women and girls. In effect, the corporate leaders are stating that one's religious faith and personal beliefs must be subordinate to the LGBT agenda.

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THE HYPOCRISY OF THE CORPORATIONS

The hypocrisy of the corporations acceding to the demands of HRC is stunning. While they attack US legislators and others, on the homosexual issue, they, at the same time, are doing business in countries like China, Cuba, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Singapore — countries that not only criminalize homosexual behaviour, but even, in some cases, make it punishable by death. Some examples include:

PayPal, which publicly cancelled its plans to build a new operation centre in North Carolina, has established its international headquarters in Singapore, where gay sex is punishable by two years in prison; Unilever, a multinational corporation that has earned top marks from HRC, has production facilities in countries such as Tunisia and Algeria, where homosexual activity is illegal; Microsoft has operations within China, which is notorious for its totalitarian anti-human rights policies; Intel has partnered with the Vietnamese Government to develop "digital inclusion programs". Vietnam is a one party communist state that "bans all independent political parties, labour unions and human rights organizations", Apple also outsources its work to China.

The height of lunacy in this bathroom debate occurred when a newspaper, in North Carolina, The Charlotte Observer, published an editorial on May 13, 2016 in which it stated that "Girls must overcome 'discomfort of seeing male genitalia' in locker rooms" because this is a battle for "equality". That should make the young girls feel better!

In most jurisdictions, including North Carolina, it is a crime to expose oneself in a public place. The Charlotte Observer, however, states that public restrooms are different from all other public places. One needs only a shred of sanity to grasp the idea that it's the sight of male genitalia which is the problem to women, not where the exposure happens. Opening women's washrooms to the transgendered also opens the door to non-transgendered sexual perverts, who need only to claim to be transgendered in order to gain entry. There are too many unfortunate examples where this has occurred.

To allow men into women's bathrooms is political correctness carried to the extreme. However, the politically correct elite, consisting of the left-wing media, homosexual activists and others, expect us to dispense with our common sense about the transgendered who need only to feel that their sex is different from their biology to use the bathroom of the opposite sex. It is complete lunacy to go along with this absurd notion especially when there is absolutely no scientific basis to support transgenderism. It is a mental illness that should be treated, not embraced.

CORPORATE CHANGING NORMS

It is striking that these corporations, working under the thumb of the HRC, used to operate under norms that avoided politics and religion. Why are the corporations now concerned about the politically correct "social justice" issues that never seemed to bother them previously? These corporations have thousands of employees of which only a tiny minority are LGBT,

so this does not seem to be the cause of this change. It might be a genuine belief by the corporations in the alleged rights of LGBT individuals, but this is doubtful. Rather, it may be that in the current culture, corporations are being forced to become involved in LGBT politics because the failure to openly support key portions of the LGBT agenda would result in disciplinary action against them by the HRC. That is, the corporations find it easier to just go along and conform to the bizarre policies of HRC. Also it is possible that these companies thought that they would get a short-term gain in the liberal press and wouldn't be called out for it if they joined the gang from other corporations.

While citizen led boycotts are a respected form of social activism, the corporate-led boycotts using economic coercion, are a direct attack on democracy. Unelected corporations are accountable only to their shareholders, and should not be determining whether a law stands or falls. That is, in a democracy, legislatures should be responsive to the people who vote them in, and not to the demands of corporations. The economic pressures of the corporations clearly show that the democratic vote at present is secondary to corporate dollars.

HOW WILL THIS END?

This weird situation, whereby corporations, as directed by HRC, are placing pressure on state legislatures and others to comply with its demands, will only stop when the recipients of this pressure resist them. North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory has done just that by refusing to be intimidated. His sensible bathroom bill remains in place. Some 32 states have also passed Religious Freedom Acts which protect the religious core values of businesses. They cannot be coerced into participating in same-sex marriage contrary to their standpoint.

The Wall Street Journal has warned big business corporations in April, 2016 of their short sightedness in protecting homosexual rights. It stated:

If corporations want the benefits of a business-friendly environment, with lower taxes and less regulation, they would do well to recognize who enacts such policies: people with center-right social values, not the hard Left.

The reality is that those corporations jumping to the demands of the special interest group of homosexual activists will eventually experience a less than profitable bottom line.

For example, the corporation Target, headquartered in Minneapolis, which is the second largest discount retailer in the US, has adopted a policy which allows members of one biological sex to use the bathrooms and fitting rooms of the opposite sex in all its stores nationwide. (Thankfully Target no longer operates in Canada). This questionable policy has led the pro-family group, American Family Association (AFA), to call for a boycott of Target stores: I.3 million people have now signed a pledge to boycott Target stores. As a result, Target Corporation stock has declined by over 20% since it announced its bathroom policy in April, 2016. This loss has decreased roughly \$10 billion from the overall shareholder value of the company. †

DRUG PROBLEMS IN CANADA

ALARMING INCREASE IN DEATHS BY DRUG OVER-DOSE IN CANADA

Drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in Canada. A major part of the problem is due to our massive addiction to "opioids" which are being over-prescribed by physicians for pain relief. Doctors prescribed pain relief prescriptions to one out of every two Canadians in 2015. The opioid, fentanyl, is at the forefront of Canada's overdose epidemic. Fentanyl patches are 100 times stronger than morphine. Medical guidelines provide that no one should be put on fentanyl without doctors first trying a less potent opioid. Yet, many doctors write prescriptions for fentanyl for first time users with no previous exposure to opioids. According to Dr. David Juurlink, Head of Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology at Toronto's Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, "the idea that we're just starting people on fentanyl is mind-boggling". This is a public health catastrophe.

The deaths from illicit drug overdose in BC has increased in the first four months of 2016 by 75%. As a result, in April, 2016, British Columbia declared a public health emergency in response to the surge in both fatal and non-fatal overdoses. The declaration allows health officials to collect data on overdoses which will ideally result in a more timely response with the drug naloxone by emergency crews: this drug can reverse the effects of the opioids within minutes. Health Services statistics indicate a 44% increase in the use of naloxone in 2015. In the US, 49 states have effectively used a data base to collect data on overdoses. This allows physicians and pharmacists to review a person's history with prescription narcotics and look for signs of abuse.

The problem of drug overdose has also been increased not only by legally prescribed fentanyl, but also by the presence of illicit fentanyl, usually obtained from China and smuggled into Canada. It is cut into a range of street drugs for its low cost and high potency. Most people who ingest illicit fentanyl do so unknowingly, which is especially dangerous

for those who have not developed a tolerance for this opioid.

In 2009 there were 655 deaths in Canada involving fentanyl and more than 1000 lethal drug poisonings, where post mortem testing detected the presence of fentanyl. More people are dying in Canada from opioid overdoses than from car accidents.

For example, in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside there have been 256 fatal overdoses from illicit drugs in the first four months of this year, already more than half of the 480 for all of 2015.

There is virtually no sign of heroin on the streets, however, since the advent of fentanyl which is cheaper and far more potent. Addicts are quickly overdosing on fentanyl, thinking it is heroin, but the latter is far more dangerous and deadly – leading to their overdosing.

DRUG NEEDLE EXCHANGE POLICY IS A FRAUD

Instead of restricting the use of illicit drugs, some provinces, such as British Columbia and Ontario, have initiated a so-called "harm-reduction policy" of providing free needle exchanges, supposedly to prevent the spread of diseases such as HIV and Hepatitis as well as preventing drug addicts from using dirty needles and then leaving the discarded needles lying in streets, alleyways and playgrounds.

This policy is a failure, due to the fact that there is no "exchange" of needles involved, but rather, used needles are re-used among addicts all over the city. These used needles have been found near children's playgrounds in Vancouver's West end, on the beaches, and on the streets everywhere. In fact, dirty needles along with cooking gear, water ampoules and rubber ties are among common detritus strewn everywhere in the city. These needles have traces of heroin, cocaine, crystal methamphetamine, as well as prescription opioids and are extremely dangerous.

Last year, the number of dirty needles recovered across the City of Vancouver was a staggering 250,732 – but this doesn't include the large number of unrecovered needles discarded across the city, waiting to harm innocent passersby and children. ‡

HOMOSEXUAL PRESSURES ON THE MEDIA

1. MOVIES NOT PRO-HOMOSEXUAL ENOUGH

Pressure on the media to include more homosexual characters has been instigated by the LGBT lobby group GLAAD. This group measures, for example, the quantity, quality and diversity of LGBT people in films from the seven largest motion picture studios in Hollywood and their subsidiaries. Homosexual activists admit their strategy is to influence acceptance of homosexuality through the media — television, movies and mainstream news. That is, they admit that their strategy is to influence the entertainment industry to push their cause.

According to GLAAD, out of 126 releases from major studios, in 2015, only 22 of them, or 17.5%, included LGBT

characters. This is exactly the same percentage reported in 2014. However, 2015 was, nonetheless, a banner year for the LGBT agenda with gender-bending movies like "The Danish Girl" and "Tangerine". It is significant, however, that these films have failed at the box office. "The Danish Girl" cost \$25,000,000 to produce and grossed only \$12,706,393. The movie "Tangerine" only grossed \$701,837 at the box office. On the other hand, seven of the top ten movies at the box office contained a pro-family message. The Christian movie "God's Not Dead" grossed close to \$61 million in 2014.

According to GLAAD, the film industry must embrace new and inclusive stories in its production if it wants to remain

competitive and relevant. However, according to the Christian www.moveguide.org movies with gay characters have, consistently, with few exceptions, been a disaster at the box office.

The persistent level of propaganda by the media, none-theless, has led to the false perception that the number of homosexuals is more than 10 times higher than it is. According to Statistics Canada, in 2014, homosexuals/lesbians constituted, at most, 1.7% of the population. One would never know this, from all the bias and deception of the media.

Why then is the media focussing on this tiny minority which is trying to change society to promote its specific and unhealthy lifestyle?

2. PRESSURE ON DISNEY TO TURN QUEEN ELSA OF "FROZEN" INTO A LESBIAN AND "CAPTAIN AMERICA" INTO A HOMOSEXUAL

(a) Animated movie "Frozen"

The highest grossing animated film, "Frozen", created by Disney in 2013, earned more than \$1 billion at the box office. This film has reached into the hearts and minds of children across the world. Disney announced in March, 2016, that a sequel, "Frozen2", is being planned. This has given rise to pressure from the LGBT advocacy group GLAAD, to demand that Disney turn the lead character, Elsa, into a lesbian in Frozen2. The LGBT activists are hoping that Frozen2 will become a vehicle to indoctrinate children that homosexuality is just as normal and valid as heterosexuality.

Disney films are for children and their entertainment should not be spoiled by an adult agenda about sexuality.

To offset the pressure from the homosexual activists, a petition against this absurd notion has been initiated. It requests

that Disney have Elsa fall in love with her male Prince Charming. To sign this petition, please go to: http://www.citizengo.org/en/fm/34400-disney-no-princess-queen-elsa-charmingprince-forelsa. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact our Ottawa office for a hard copy of the petition.

(b) Captain America: Civil War – a Love Affair With the Public

The recent movie, Captain America: Civil War, produced by Marvel Cinematic Universe, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Disney, has grossed more than any other movie this year, from both domestic and international box offices. Captain America is portrayed in the movie as a God-fearing, freedom loving fighter for law and liberty. These characteristics have not been well received by the LGBT community. They complain that the movie has excluded the gay community and its values and is, therefore, unacceptable. They have denounced the film, particularly, for its "heterosexual virility" since the film leaves no doubt that Captain America and his friend Bucky Barnes, prefer women over men.

The studio has responded to GLAAD's pressure, emphasizing that its main goal is to create adaptations that complement and properly utilize comic books. This unfortunately, might change unless the studio is aware that movie goers reject this concept of their hero.

Please write to:

Kevin Feige, President Marvel Studios 500 S Buena Vista St. Burbank, California 91521

Please insist that our hero, Captain America, remain his virile heterosexual self! †

IMPORTANT CHANGES AT THE UN

UN SEEKS TO FREE ITSELF FROM ACCOUNTABILITY

At present, the UN is funded by voluntary contributions, mostly from Western governments. These countries can pull their funding from the UN at any time if they object to any actions by the UN. This has occurred a number of times in the past — especially with the agency UNESCO (UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). To offset this problem, the UN has recommended that it be funded instead by way of a global tax. This would be a tax on all international financial transactions, such as the fees paid on plane tickets, currency exchanges, and other financial transactions. This would bring trillions of dollars into the UN and provide it with an independent source of revenue which would allow it to impose its own radical agenda on abortion, homosexual marriage and adoption, etc. on the world, without fear of financial reprisal. A global tax, therefore, would free the scandal prone UN from accountability to its member states.

Two pro-family organizations, Center for Family & Human

Rights (C-Fam) and LifeNews.com have created a global petition to stop this global tax. The petition currently has 23,000 names. Please go to www.c-fam.org/stop-un-global-tax to sign the petition and then send this note to all your friends and family!

If you do not have access to a computer, please telephone/fax our National Office for a copy. When completed, send it to the C-Fam office in New York –

Center for Family and Human Rights 805 3rd Avenue, Suite 1440 New York, NY 10022

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW UN SECRETARY-GENERAL

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will retire on December 31st, 2016. The Secretary-General under the UN Charter is supposed to serve an administrative role at the UN. Instead, Ban Ki-moon is an activist who acts more like the president of the UN. He has served as a mouthpiece for the Western countries that are financially supporting the UN. Without the authority of the 193-member General As-

sembly, Ban Ki-moon has endlessly promoted abortion and homosexuality as demanded by Western countries.

The appointment of a Secretary-General has always been a secretive affair. However, for the first time in the 70 year history of the UN, members of the General Assembly have demanded and obtained a more open process, allowing public hearings on the candidates for the position.

Currently, there are eight candidates (four men and four women) running, but more are expected to put their names forward. The public discussion with the eight candidates has been, in some cases, disturbing.

For example:

- (i) Former, New Zealand Prime Minister, Helen Clark, who now heads the UN Development Program, is a candidate. During her interview, Ms Clark stated that abortion, women's rights and sexual orientation were huge issues for her, on which she would break "the glass ceiling" if she were appointed Secretary-General.
- (ii) Candidate Ms Vesna Pusić, former Prime Minister of Croatia, stated that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights "need to be protected". Incidentally, it was the Canadian delegation that raised this issue with her. The Canadian delegation stated: "Can we count on you

- to champion the UN Declaration of Human Rights on Sexual Orientation, even when it makes member states uncomfortable?" The UN Declaration of Human Rights does not even mention sexual orientation! This apparently doesn't stop Canada from pushing the agenda, regardless of the actual wording and intent of the Declaration.
- (iii) Irina Bokova from Bulgaria, currently Director-General of UNESCO, was asked: "How will peacekeepers be held accountable who sexually abuse the people they are tasked with protecting?" Ms Bokova responded: "The UN has a 'sound system through internal oversight services' and whistleblowers have proven it functions." This is highly inaccurate, as UNESCO has been plagued by fraud, scandal, corruption and mismanagement. We can only believe this will apply to the entire UN if Ms. Bokova is appointed Secretary-General.

It is important that the next Secretary-General enjoy the broadest possible support among UN members. However, the approval of the next Secretary-General lies with the five members of the Security Council — the US, UK, Russia, France and China — which have veto power over the appointment. No doubt, these five countries will find the interviews of the candidates enlightening. †

FACEBOOK HAS A LIBERAL BIAS

The social media giant, Facebook, has been accused by former employees and contractors of suppressing conservative news stories.

This is very significant as there is no other single media outlet that comes anywhere near the outreach of Facebook. It has I.5 billion users worldwide and 222 million monthly active users in the US and Canada. Young people today do not go to the print media or website institutions, but go to soundbites on social media, such as Facebook. According to a study by the Media Insight Project and the American Press Institute, 88% of millennials get news from Facebook regularly, and more than half of them do so daily. In other words, Facebook is the modern equivalent to a newspaper. The difference, however, is that readers usually know the slant of the stories in a mainstream media outlet, but the slant in Facebook has been hidden — until now.

In 2014, Facebook introduced a new feature by providing ongoing series of news stories on its "trending topics" sidebar. It appears to the right of the Facebook news feed. This feature supposedly identifies topics that have spiked in popularity.

Employees working on this site prioritize the stories to be shown on this sidebar, write the headlines, summarize each topic, and include links to the news sites from where they were obtained.

However, some of those who have worked on this site allege that the team in charge of the trending topics has wilfully blocked conservative news from appearing on the sidebar, even when the news was genuinely popular. According to these in-

formants, the workers on this site "injected" liberal topics into the trending sidebar that weren't even genuinely trending. They "cooked" the trend statistics to suppress information and ideas from conservative news sources. When a story originated on a conservative news website, these employees would also look for a link to the story from a liberal media website to place in the trending list, instead of the conservative website. This had the effect of suppressing traffic to conservative websites and provided a distorted, inaccurate understanding of the trends.

Evidence of this, namely that conservative news stories and news sites are suppressed and liberal topics elevated on Facebook, occurred when the Planned Parenthood baby parts video scandal broke out. After a long delay, Facebook finally reported it as a trending topic, but when it did, it failed to link the story to conservative sites; it linked to Planned Parenthood sponsored items instead. This greatly distorted and covered up the real story.

This distortion of trending topics is significant, not because Facebook does any actual reporting, (it doesn't), but because it is the single biggest social network on the planet, growing bigger every day and where hundreds of millions of people see links to news.

This bias on Facebook is an indication of just how it has muscled its way into the political conversation. Facebook is not a reliable source since now it distorts the news. However, as we are now aware of this problem on Facebook, we should view its information with considerable scepticism. †

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all our REAL Women of Canada supporters:

A huge thank you to our Toronto Chapter of REAL Women of Canada for hosting our 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM), held June 17, 2016 at the North York Public Library. They attended to all the details, to ensure that the event ran smoothly. Thank you also to those members who attended and provided some lively discussions. Our guest speaker, Charles Lewis, spoke on euthanasia, very timely now that Bill C-14 has just been passed. A summary of his talk will be in the next REALity.

Just because Bill C-14 is now law, it doesn't mean that the war on euthanasia is over. Only this battle has been lost, but there will be more battles to come. The need is greater than ever to promote a culture of life, by speaking up for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, at any opportunity. Regardless of the immoral laws that abound, we must continue to live by our convictions of what the truth is, even at the expense of possible persecution.

REAL Women of Canada sends out Press Releases and Alerts on a regular basis, as issues arise. These are sent out to the media and to our supporters on a timely basis, via Constant Contact, an e-mail service. If you would like to stay up-to-date and receive these notices, you can sign up through our website, or call our Toronto office, 905-787-0348.

Our National Board is always open to suggestions on ways to increase our membership, as well as ideas for fundraising. Our annual budget is quite sizeable and we cannot rely on old methods of fundraising, such as garage sales and bake sales, although any proceeds you may raise from these events are always appreciated. Our recurring expenses include rent for two offices, publishing REALity, paying our office staff, and utilities. Then there are events such as attending the UN Commission on the Status of Women, attending the World Congress of Families and other key conferences, at which REAL Women makes presentations, publishing promotional materials, and making social media improvements. We are looking into possibilities of crowd funding. If any of you have any experience with this, for non-profits, please get in touch with us through the Ottawa office.

Thank you for being women and men building a better society.

Thank you for your support of REAL Women of Canada.

Pauline Suzik
Pauline Guzik
National President

MESSAGE BOARD

- Action Item: In this month's REALity, there are three opportunities for your input on the LGBT influence in Disney productions. Sign the on-line petition, obtain a copy of the paper petition from our National office, and/or write to the president of Marvel Studios.
- Action Item: In this month's REALity, there is an opportunity for you to object to the UN's attempt to impose a global tax which would be used to free itself from accountability to its member states.
 Please sign the on-line petition or obtain a paper copy from our National office, 613-236-4001.
- Have you been remembering to use your REAL Women Air Miles Collector Card? If you would like one, our Ottawa Office would be pleased to send you one. There is no cost to this affinity program and it will assist us to defray some travelling expenses.

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