

European Union To Criminalize 'Homophobia'

This resolution could impact American law through the Supreme Court.

In January 2005, the European Union (EU) approved a resolution banning "homophobia" and urges the legalization of homosexual marriages throughout Europe.

The "Homophobia in Europe" resolution defines homophobia as "an irrational fear and aversion to homosexuality and of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people based on prejudice, similar to racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, sexism."

The resolution urges action against European nations that do not implement programs that favor homosexuals.

Franco Frattini, the justice minister of the EU has stated: "Homophobia is a violation of human rights and we are watching member states on this issue and reporting on cases in which our efforts have been unsuccessful." The report warns that "...the Commission and the European Parliament seek to make any refusal to grant homosexual couples the same rights as a married couple a crime of 'homophobia.'"

Catholics in Europe are particularly outraged by this European Union resolution and fear what it will do to the traditional family. The secretary of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences, Msgr. Aldo Giordano reported on Vatican radio on January 19, that: "Sometimes it seems there is the domination (within the European Parliament) of a certain ideology of pluralism which sees everything that exists as something good. There really is lacking a reflection

on what is truly human, what is human richness, what is good and evil, what is truth."

Giordano also observed: "It should be clear that certain subjects, especially those relating to the family, are not within the direct competence of the European Union but are the recognized competence of nations."

The European Union statement against "homophobia" came after the governments of Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, and Poland ruled against homosexual "marriage." In fact, in October 2005, the Polish Prime Minister, Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz, stated: "If anybody tries to contaminate others with his homosexuality, the state should intervene against such an infringement of liberty."

The European Union reacted to these actions against homosexual marriage by posting the following notice on its web site: "Following a series of worrying events which has recently taken place in a number of EU member states, from banning gay pride or equality marches to leading political and religious leaders' inflammatory/hate/threatening language, MEPs [Members of European Parliament] strongly condemn discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation."

'Homophobia' In the U.S.

The homosexual movement is determined to criminalize opposition to homosexual conduct as "homophobia" or to create a new mental illness of "homophobia" that will be adopted by the American Psychiatric Association for its *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual Of Mental Disorders* (DSM).

The goal of labeling opposition to homosexuality as a mental illness has a long history. As long ago as 1991, homosexual activists held a National Gay and Lesbian Health Conference in New Orleans. One of the topics was “Homophobia: A Public Health Hazard.” Dr. Hilda Hildago, a Rutgers professor, conducted the seminar. She claimed that “heterosexism and homophobia” are “socially transmitted mental health diseases that affect all members of the society.”

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More recently, a California psychologist, Edward Dunbar has suggested that “extreme bias” against homosexuals should be considered a mental illness. Dunbar’s proposal was featured in the *Washington Post*, (December 10, 2005).

Dunbar wants “extreme bias against homosexuals” (homophobia) added to the APA’s *DSM*. His suggestion is supported by numerous others in the field of psychology including Shama Chaiken, who served as chief psychologist for the California Department of Corrections. She said: “We treat racism and homophobia as delusional disorders. Treatment with anti-psychotics does work to reduce these prejudices.” Dunbar’s proposal is being circulated among psychologists and psychiatrists for consideration.

TVC Report Details History Of Removal Of Homosexuality As Mental Illness From ‘DSM’

The TVC Special Report, *Homosexuality 101: A Primer* describes how homosexual activists inside and outside of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) put political pressure on the APA to remove homosexuality as a mental disorder from the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*. This report is on TVC’s web site for downloading.

Closeted homosexuals inside the APA and radical homosexual groups outside the organization protested APA conferences, shouted down speakers, and actually secretly funded a mailing to APA members who were asked to “vote” on removing homosexuality as a mental disorder from the *DSM*. These pressure tactics have been chronicled by pro-homosexual author Dr. Ronald Bayer in his book, *Homosexuality And American Psy-*

chiatry: The Politics Of Diagnosis. According to Bayer, **“The result [of the APA removal of homosexuality from the DSM] was not a conclusion based upon an approximation of the scientific truth as dictated by reason, but was instead on action demanded by the ideological temper of the times.”**

This admission is astounding. One of the leading opponents of the removal of homosexuality from the *DSM* is the late Dr. Charles Socarides.

Dr. Socarides treated individuals with unwanted same-sex attractions for more than 50 years before his death on Christmas Day 2005.

In his 1995 essay, “How America Want Gay,” Socarides described how homosexual activists “have created a kind of conventional wisdom: that we suffer from homophobia, a disease that has actually been invented by gays projecting their own fear on society. And we are bigots besides, because, they say, we fail to deal with gays compassionately.”

He warns: **“When homosexuality takes on all the aspects of a political movement, ... it becomes a war, the kind of war in which the first casualty is truth, and the spoils turn out to be our own children.”**

More Dangers Ahead From EU And Supreme Court

The European Union effort to criminalize homophobia could very well impact the future of laws in the U.S. The danger comes directly from the Supreme Court, where liberals still maintain a 5-4 majority on the court. These liberals have begun quoting from foreign court decisions in their own opinions. In fact, Justice Anthony Kennedy quoted from the European Convention on Human Rights, the British Wolfenden Report, and the United Nations when writing the majority opinion in *Lawrence v. Texas* in 2003. This case overturned all sodomy laws in the U.S.!

If we do not demand that the Supreme Court cease quoting from foreign courts in its legal opinions, the EU homophobia resolution could be imposed upon us through the Supreme Court.

TAKE ACTION: Support passage of the **Constitution Restoration Act of 2005**. This will restrict federal courts from quoting foreign court decisions—such as the EU resolution on homophobia. This bill will also restrict all federal courts, including the Supreme Court, from issuing rulings dealing with God or the acknowledgment of God. *Learn more about this legislation on our web site.*