

CLASSIFYING “SEXUAL ORIENTATION” AS A HUMAN “RIGHT” MAY LEAD TO AUTHORIZATION OF 21 OR MORE SEXUALLY DEVIANT BEHAVIORS AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FAMILY

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Proponents of so-called “sexual orientation” or “gender identity” as a human “rights” have framed their cause as a non-discrimination issue, yet are unwilling to clearly define the terms or clarify their intended consequences. Most people are not aware that, in addition to homosexuality, at least 20 other sexually deviant behaviors – plus polygamy – can be classified or claimed as a person’s so-called “sexual orientation” or “gender identity.” Adding the terms to non-discrimination or “hate-crimes” statutes, laws or policies may eventually bring about the authorization (usually by the removal of any prohibitions or penalties) of many or all sexually deviant behaviors.

Who could have imagined that those identifying themselves as *transgender* would refuse to legally identify themselves as “male” or “female,” or to use a particular bathroom? Can you imagine *pedophiles* asserting their “right” to have sexual relations with “consenting” children because their “sexual orientation” is toward children? Or *exhibitionists* claiming a “right” to expose their genitals to unsuspecting adults and children whenever and wherever they please? Or male *voyeurists* demanding a “right” to secretly view women and girls naked or disrobing in female bathrooms as a means of fulfilling their “sexual orientation” needs? Or *sexual sadists* defending their “right” to physically abuse or torture their consenting partners? Or those who struggle with *bestiality* having sexual relations with their own animals and those in their neighborhood? Or pornographic film or web site makers claiming a “right” to create and market products portraying adults and children acting out these and other behaviors?

Can you imagine the impact of such a society on children, marriage and family? Children would be taught (despite their conscience telling them otherwise) that all forms of sexual activity are equal and normal, regardless of age, gender, marriage or family relationships. They would grow up very confused, and at high risk for abuse.

We know that children who are sexually abused carry emotional scars for life, and adults who abuse children usually suffered abuse as children. We already see the death of marriage and family in Scandinavia (other nations are close behind), as Swedes, Norwegians and Danish have lost their understanding of the present and long-term value of marriage between a man and woman, and of the vital importance of “Dad” *and* “Mom” and a stable home environment for children.¹ In Sweden and Norway, 60% of children are born out of wedlock.

Other implications are evident. Swedes², Canadians³ and others have lost their freedoms of religion and speech in this area, and risk prosecution and jail if they speak negatively about

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homosexuality or the “sexual orientation” of a person or group. In the United States, current battles over the definition of marriage are the direct result of a permissive view toward homosexuality and the addition of “sexual orientation” to non-discrimination measures.

All of these effects – and their intended or unintended consequences for children, marriage and family – result from attempts to normalize homosexuality, bisexuality, and “transgender” (LGBT), punish opposition, and equate same-sex unions to marriage. If this trend continues, expect the gradual elimination of laws against these and other sexually deviant behaviors described below, and government protection of the same.

Sexually Deviant Behaviors:

In the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders [DSM-IV]*,⁴ the American Psychiatric Association (APA) defines 16 types of sexual deviations and abnormal sexual behaviors, which it calls “Paraphilia’s.” At least one listed in earlier editions of the *DSM* was removed due to political pressure. “Homosexuality” was listed in the 1968 *DSM-II*, but in 1974 the APA decided to no longer classify it as a pathological psychiatric condition. Other paraphilia’s are publicly known and some of these are defined in standard dictionaries.⁵

1. **Homosexuality:** “sexual desire for those of the same sex as oneself” (Webster’s⁶). Even though the American Psychiatric Association and the *DSM* no longer classify homosexuality as a “Sexual Deviation,” a 1993 survey of psychiatrists around the world revealed that the vast majority of psychiatrists still considered homosexuality a mental illness (Stanton L. Jones, Ph.D., licensed psychologist, member of APA, Provost of Wheaton College, and Mark A. Yarhouse, Ph.D., *Homosexuality: The Use of Scientific Research in the Church’s Moral Debate*, pp. 97-98).
2. **Pedophilia:** “sexual activity with a prepubescent child (generally age 13 years or younger). The individual with Pedophilia must be age 16 years or older and at least 5 years older than the child. For individuals in late adolescence with Pedophilia, no precise age difference is specified, and clinical judgment must be used; both the sexual maturity of the child and the age difference must be taken into account. ... Some individuals prefer males, others females, and some are aroused by both males and females” (pp. 527-528; *DSM-IV*).
3. **Exhibitionism:** “recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving the exposure of one’s genitals to an unsuspecting stranger” (pp. 525-26; *DSM-IV*).
4. **Voyeurism:** “achieving sexual excitement” by “peeping”, that is, “observing unsuspecting individuals, usually strangers, who are naked, in the process of disrobing, or engaging in sexual activity” (p. 532; *DSM-IV*).
5. **Bestiality** (clinically known as **Zoophilia**): Zoophilia is sexual attraction to and relations with animals (p. 532, *DSM-IV*). Bestiality is defined as “sexual relations between a person and an animal” (Webster’s).
6. **Bisexuality:** sexual desire and interaction with both males and females.
7. **Coprophilia:** sexual arousal associated with feces (p. 532; *DSM-IV*).
8. **Frotteurism:** “recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving touching and rubbing against a nonconsenting person” (p. 527; *DSM-IV*).

9. **Fetishism:** “recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving the use of nonliving objects (e.g. female undergarments)” (p. 526; *DSM-IV*).
10. **Transvestic Fetishism:** “in a heterosexual male, recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving cross-dressing.” In severe cases, he may be diagnosed also as “With Gender Dysphoria” when he desires “to dress and live permanently as a female and to seek hormonal or surgical reassignment” (pp. 530-531; *DSM-IV*).
11. **Gender Identity Disorder:** “a strong and persistent cross-gender identification, which is the desire to be, or the insistence that one is, of the other sex,” along with “persistent discomfort about one’s assigned sex or a sense of the inappropriateness in the gender role of that sex” (pp. 532-33; *DSM-IV*).
12. **Klismaphilia:** sexual arousal and pleasure derived from enemas (p. 532; *DSM-IV*).
13. **Necrophilia:** “an abnormal obsession with death and the dead; especially, an erotic attraction to corpses” (Webster’s; referenced on p. 532, *DSM-IV*).
14. **Partialism:** sexual arousal obtained by “exclusive focus on part of body” (p. 532; *DSM-IV*).
15. **Sexual Masochism:** “recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving the act (real, not simulated) of being humiliated, beaten, bound, or otherwise made to suffer” (p. 529; *DSM-IV*).
“(M)asochistic fantasies (may) involve being raped while being held or bound by others so that there is no possibility of escape. Others act on the masochistic sexual urges themselves (e.g., binding themselves, sticking themselves with pins, shocking themselves electrically, or self-mutilation) or with a partner. Masochistic acts that may be sought with a partner include restraint (physical bondage), blindfolding (sensory bondage), paddling, spanking, whipping, beating, electrical shocks, cutting, ‘pinning and piercing’ (infibulation), and humiliation (e.g., being urinated or defecated on, being forced to crawl and bark like a dog, or being subjected to verbal abuse).” (p. 529; *DSM-IV*)
16. **Sexual Sadism:** “recurrent, intense, sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving acts (real, not simulated) in which the psychological or physical suffering (including humiliation) of the victim is sexually exciting to the person” (p. 530; *DSM-IV*).
“(T)he sadistic fantasies usually involve having complete control over the victim, who is terrified by anticipation of the impending sadistic act. Others act on the sadistic sexual urges with a consenting partner (who may have Sexual Masochism) who willingly suffers pain or humiliation. Still others with Sexual Sadism act on their sadistic sexual urges with nonconsenting victims. In all of these cases, it is the suffering of the victim that is sexually arousing. Sadistic fantasies or acts may involve activities that indicate the dominance of the person over the victim (e.g., forcing the victim to crawl or keeping the victim in a cage). They also may involve restraint, blindfolding, paddling, spanking, whipping, pinching, beating, burning, electrical shocks, rape, cutting, stabbing, strangulation, torture, mutilation, or killing. ... Sexual Sadism is usually chronic. When Sexual Sadism is practiced with nonconsenting partners, the activity is likely to be repeated until the person with Sexual Sadism is apprehended. ... Usually ... the severity of the sadistic acts increases over time. When ... severe ... individuals with Sexual Sadism may seriously injure or kill their victims” (p. 530; *DSM-IV*).
17. **Telephone Scatologia:** obsession with “obscene phone calls” (p. 532; *DSM-IV*).

18. **Transgenderism:** a person whose gender identity is not clear, and who may take on the sexual identity of either male or female to carry out sexual fantasies or behaviors.

19. **Transsexual:** a person who identifies himself as having the identity “of the opposite sex, sometimes so strongly as to undergo surgery and hormone injections to effect a change of sex” (Webster’s).

20. **Transvestite:** “a person who derives sexual pleasure from dressing in the clothes of the opposite sex” (Webster’s).

21. **Urophilia:** sexual arousal associated with urine (p. 532; *DSM-IV*).

Selected Comments from the DSM:

Alarming, the *DSM-IV* states, “Sexual offenses against children constitute a significant proportion of all reported criminal sex acts, and individuals with Exhibitionism, Pedophilia, and Voyeurism make up the majority of apprehended sex offenders.” It also warns that Pedophiles “may select an occupation ... hobby or volunteer work” that brings them in close contact with children; a person involved in Fetishism may sell women’s shoes or lingerie; and a Sadist may drive an ambulance.” Finally, regarding the preponderance of sexually deviant males, it said, “Except for Sexual Masochism, where the sex ratio is estimated to be 20 males for each female, the other Paraphilia’s are almost never diagnosed in females” (pp. 522-24; *DSM-IV*).

Conclusion:

If it seems implausible that any of these deviant behaviors would become protected “rights,” think back 20, 30, 40 or 50 years. Who would have thought that national governments would, for *the first time in human history*, authorize (not just tolerate), promote and protect homosexuality as a normal behavior, or same-sex partnerships and give them the same benefits as marriage? That was just as unthinkable then as authorization of the other behaviors is today. Yet when “sexual orientation” or “gender identity” are added to non-discrimination statutes, especially if left undefined, then the foundation has been laid for the unbridled expression of any sexual deviant behaviors—and the destruction of the sanctity of sex, marriage and family.

¹ Stanley Kurtz, “The End of Marriage in Scandinavia,” *The Weekly Standard*, February 2, 2004, pp. 26-33.

² In January 2003, the Swedish Parliament changed their constitution to make it illegal to speak negatively about the “sexual orientation” of a person or group. That year, Rev. Åke Green gave a sermon in his small church explaining what the Bible informs us about God creating mankind as male and female, prohibiting homosexuality as abnormal, yet offering forgiveness and restoration. Rev. Green was indicted and sentenced to jail, but in 2005 was acquitted by both the Appeals Court and Supreme Court of Sweden because they could not find anything hateful in what he said.

³ Canada’s Parliament passed Bill C-250 adding “sexual orientation” as another “identifiable group” in the Criminal Code toward which “hate propaganda” is a criminal offense; yet they did not define “sexual orientation” or “hate.”

⁴ *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, Fourth Edition, 1994, pp. 522-538, published by the American Psychiatric Association (APA).

⁵ The 1999 edition of Webster’s New World College Dictionary, English language, is used herein.

⁶ Ibid.