The Divorce Ideology

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The Sexual State:

- forthcoming from TAN publishers later this summer.
- I thank Acton audiences in the acknowledgements!
The Sexual State:

- info@ruthinstitute.org
  “book excerpt Acton” subject line.
- I will send you 1st chapters.
- Promise you will:
  - Buy the whole book
  - Say nice things on Amazon!
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- The Ruth Institute equips Christians to explain *why* they believe *what* they believe about marriage, family and sexuality.

- Sign up for our newsletter: receive these (waaaaaay too many!) slides.
Life in Louisiana: Two seasons.
From June 1 through November 30:
Hurricane Season

Rita: 2005
From December 1 - May 31: Crawfish Season

MONEY CAN'T BUY HAPPINESS

BUT IT CAN BUY CRAWFISH...

AND THAT'S BASICALLY THE SAME THING.
Our recent run-in with the Southern Poverty Law Center.
The Ruth Institute dream

that every child be welcomed into a loving home with their own mother and father, married to each other.
The Ruth Institute has a dream:

So that:

Every child can have a relationship with his or her own parents, unless some unavoidable tragedy takes place to prevent it.

Every adult, without exception, can know his or her cultural heritage and genetic identity.

When these rights are violated, we call this a structural injustice to the child.
Competing Worldviews:

➢ Every child (and hence every adult) has identity rights and relational rights with respect to their parents, and adults have obligations to provide these things to children.

➢ Every adult has a right to the sexual activity they want, with a minimum of inconvenience, and children have to accept whatever the adults choose to give them.
Not judging people. Rather:

➢ A sober-minded look at:

1. What is owed to children?

2. What the Divorce Ideology has done to society.

3. The Elite and Statist origins of the Divorce Ideology.
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Does the Government have a duty to the family in general?

To these particular people?
Who are this child’s parents?

- Intrinsically a responsibility of the State.
- Need to exclude all possible competitors.
- Use nature as a baseline.
Children’s legitimate entitlements

• A relationship with both parents
• Knowing who they are: identity rights
• Therefore: kids have an legitimate interest in the stability of their parents’ union.
• Defend these rights proactively, not after the fact
• Marriage is adult society’s institutional structure to do this.
Hence, the government’s duty:

• At a minimum, to accurately record parental identity on birth certificates

• Refrain from interfering in the relationships between children and parents.

• Do not usurp family’s rights.
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Divorce Ideology Defined:

Includes all social structures which separate children from parents at the will of the parents, rather than unavoidable tragedy.
What is going on in this video?

https://www.facebook.com/humankindvideos/videos/316228285573551/?hc_ref=ARQfEv1PVW2_zmNeLSiCweZZiihAsJbxoP8JRXQMzAVn0StF0s8VXyzlbF8v oFp-oxml

This bride's vows to her stepson are beautiful, but his reaction truly stole the show.
“Alternative Family Forms,”

from the child’s perspective.

- Divorce
- Unmarried Parents
- Cohabiting Parents
- Remarried or other step parents
- Anonymous Donor Conception
## Risks for children of divorce:

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<td>Getting divorced as an adult</td>
<td>Less parental supervision</td>
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<td>Not finishing college</td>
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<td>Doubting parents’ religious beliefs</td>
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<td>Persistent feelings of loneliness</td>
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Children and Divorce

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“Effects of Divorce on Children”
Dr. Pat Fagan

WHAT DIVORCE HAS DONE TO AMERICA
The Price We Pay for Family Breakdown

40 closely typed pages.
333 footnotes.
Recent Crisis Article:
“Invite Children of Divorce to Amoris Laetitia Seminars”
What US No-fault Divorce did:

Removes the presumption of permanence

Removes the presumption of sexual exclusivity
No fault divorce Increases State Power

➢ Loss of privacy due to family court

➢ Divorce Industry, quasi-governmental structures
Reluctantly Divorced: the State expands

- Enforced against the wishes of one party.
- State steps in.
- How often? Over 70% of divorces take place against the wishes of one party.
Survey of 3,900 divorcees had the option, "We both wanted it to end."

Only 27% of men and 24% of women said: "We both wanted it to end."

Mark Regnerus, *Cheap Sex: The Transformation of Men, Marriage, and Monogamy*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017), pg. 160-161, Figure 5.2.
Recent *Crisis* Article:

“Will Cardinal Cupich “Accompany” Reluctantly Divorced Spouses?”
This is why we have “Gay Marriage,” also called “Marriage Equality.”

People already believe the 3 ideologies, especially the Divorce Ideology.
All this is unfair to children!
Children and Donor Conception and Assisted Reproduction

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Children and Same Sex Parenting

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Concerns of Donor Conceived Persons

➢ Confusion about identity
➢ Anger about secrecy
➢ Shame at being partially purchased
➢ Concern about encountering half-siblings
➢ Longing for the missing parent
From the Child’s Perspective:

The family is broken before he or she is even born.

Impossible, without the State.
The state is the direct cause of children losing their parents.

What people want: undisputed parental rights. Only the State can provide this.

- Donor anonymity promised.
- No legal obligations between parent and child.
- Rewriting birth certificates.
If you have used these technologies

Never regret the child.

Every child love into existence by God, no matter the circumstances.

Make room in the family system for the child to express their feelings.

Websites:
AnonymousUs.org
DonorChild.com
Loved Into Existence by JRM
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Origins of the Divorce Ideology

- No-fault or unilateral divorce
- American Law Institute
- Fertility industry.
- Lobbying from the Gay political establishment.
- The Family Law Bar keeps it going.
The Sexual Revolution:

Is irrational and impossible.

It cannot stand on its own. It requires:

- force
- propaganda

A totalitarian ideology that no Christian should have anything to do with.
Propaganda for the Sexual Revolution:

NYT: August 12, 2017. “Why Women had better sex under socialism”

Teen Vogue: July 7, 2017. “Anal Sex: What you need to know.” (no picture!)
This is the significance of our run-in with the SPLC.

Propaganda designed to silence dissent.
Pervasiveness of the Propaganda

- 39 Million views
- 89,000 comments
- Will this young couple see the negative possibilities here?

This bride's vows to her stepson are beautiful, but his reaction truly stole the show.
“Put on Love”

- “And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”
  Colossians 3:14.
Ruth Book Clubs:

- **Read.**
- **Be Inspired.**
- **Learn.**
- **Make Friends.**
- **Live Your Ideals.**
- **Eat.**
- **Change the World!**
Healing Family Breakdown

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Resources

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Primal Loss
The New-Adult Children of Divorce Speak

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