Protecting your Children from the Gender Ideology

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I live in the State of Louisiana.

Not such a big place. However, back in the day…
North America, circa 1750

Ya’ll can be honorary Cajuns
Join The Ruth Institute mission!

- 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 (waaaaay too many!) slides.
This talk is for ADULTS!
The McCarrick Situation

- This situation is moving very quickly.
- Stay informed, and involved.
- Sign up for newsletter.
- Ruth Institute Facebook page.
- Dr. J’s blog.
We feel as if the solid ground is shifting under our feet. But:

- Indirect victims, Innocent clergy.
- Direct Victims, including children, adolescents, and subordinates.
We CAN do something about all this!
Each talk will have 2 parts.

- Part I. Information you need.
  - My background is NOT in philosophy or theology, but economics and social sciences.

- Part II. What you can do to help.
  - Help your family
  - Help the Church.
Part I: Information about the Gender Ideology

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- Are people really “born gay?”
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Two must read articles:

http://thefederalist.com/2018/02/20/rich-white-men-institutionalizing-transgender-ideology

The Sexual Revolution Defined:

➢ A good and decent society should:

1. Separate sex from babies.  
   *The Contraceptive Ideology.*

2. Separate both sex and babies from marriage.  
   *The Divorce Ideology.*

3. Wipe out all differences between men and women, *(except those explicitly chosen by individuals.)*  
   *The Gender Ideology.*
The Sexual State: How Elite Ideologies are Destroying Lives and *why the Church was right all along*.

- forthcoming from TAN publishers August 23.
- Kind of an unfortunate subtitle: *why the Church was right all along*.
Didn’t want to talk about sexual abuse. But…

- The Sexual Revolution provides “cover” for predatory sexual behavior:
  - Harvey Weinstein
  - Theodore McCarrick
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What is the Gender Ideology?

Men and women are identical.

*Except women are better.*

*Therefore:*

*Wiping out all differences between men and women is a moral imperative.*
The gender ideology morphs from:

**Banned:** Father-Daughter Dances

**Required:** Gender Neutral bathrooms
New gender ideology:

- Wipe out all differences between men and women,
- Except:
  - Those the individual specifically chooses to embrace.
Bruce Jenner: “Call me Caitlyn.” Note the stereotypical image of “femininity:”
“The hardest part about being a woman is figuring out what to wear.”
Contradictory Visions:

Women in Sports:
Title IX used to mandate women’s participation, is now the basis for transgender mandates.

Fallon Fox, male-bodied “woman” boxer
How do these versions of the Gender Ideology fit together?

The human body is unimportant, and can be transcended, either

- Through social reconstruction
- Or
- Through individual reconstruction
- (with the help of the law and technology.)
Insufficient Screening: Walt Heyer

Not screened for issues related to child abuse, including sexual abuse: dissociative disorder.

Transgender Reversal
http://www.sexchangeregret.com/
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Do These Headlines Upset You?

Chilean abuse victim: Pope told me to accept being gay, God made me this way

LGBT Activists Praise Pope Francis' Remarks That 'God Made You Gay'

By Michael W. Chapman | May 22, 2018 | 12:19 PM EDT
We Don’t Know

1. What Pope Francis said.
2. What he meant.
3. What Juan Carlos Cruz (sex abuse survivor) heard.
Implied scientific claim:
You were “born that way.”

✓ Is the pope infallible when he makes scientific statements?

✓ I will show that the implied (but not quite stated) scientific claim is incorrect.
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Where did “born that way” idea come from?

1. Legal campaign to redefine marriage.
2. Activists want to use US anti-discrimination law.  
   Judge Vaughn Walker, Prop 8 case.
A “pick-up line?”

- Isn’t this a useful line?
- What did Juan Carlos Cruz hear from his predator?
- What did he think, or need to hear from Pope Francis?
- We have no way of knowing.
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What does “gay” mean? Scientifically, it could mean:

➢ Are you attracted to people of the same sex?
➢ Have you ever had sex with a person of the same sex?
➢ Do you identify yourself as “gay” or “lesbian?”
In a classic study from 1994:

1. Are you attracted to people of the same sex?  **Men, 6.2%. Women, 4.4%**

2. Have you ever had any sex with a person of the same sex, since puberty?  **Men, 9.1%, Women 4.3%**

3. Do you identify yourself as “gay” or “lesbian?”  **Men 2.8%, Women, 1.4%**.

- Laumann et.al. Table 8.2
“Gay” could also mean:

Have you had sex exclusively with same sex partners since puberty?

Men .6%
Women .2%

(Laumann et. al. Table 8.3A)
Reference for previous slides:


Dr. Lisa Diamond

“There is currently no scientific or popular consensus on the exact constellation of experiences that definitively ‘qualify’ an individual as lesbian, gay, or bisexual.”

*Quoted by Meyer and McHugh*
What does “gay” mean?

An individual person might mean:

- Same sex attracted, living a chaste life.
- Trying it as a lifestyle: “Lesbian Until Graduation.”
- Lived that way, am now married to opposite sex. (Ex-gay?)
- Don’t say “gay!”
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Possible Causes of Same Sex Attraction:

- genetic
- hormonal
- developmental
- social and cultural influences
Genetic causes?

*Twin studies, inconclusive. No “gay gene.”*
Hormonal Causes?

“some forms of prenatal hormone exposure, particularly CAH in females, are associated with differences in sexual orientation.”

(CAH)= congenital adrenal hyperplasia which in females can result in genital virilization. More likely to be not exclusively heterosexual.

Other hormonal influences: inconclusive.
Developmental Causes?
Clinicians used to say:

“Absent or abusive father, domineering mother, stunts male development.”

(same for girls as for boys? No serious researcher really thinks this.)
Developmental Causes? Abuse

Compared with heterosexual rates of adverse childhood experiences:

➢ gays and lesbians: nearly 1.7 times
➢ Bisexuals: 1.6 times

Table 2. Adverse Childhood Experiences among Gays/Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Heterosexuals

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Social and cultural influences

Same Sex Attraction:

Living in urban areas *
Higher education *
Parental separation or divorce **

* Laumann et. al.
** Regnerus, “How different are adult children of parents who have same sex relationships?” Social Science Research 41 (2012) 752–770.
American Psychological Association:

There is **no consensus** among scientists about the exact reasons that an individual develops a heterosexual, bisexual, gay or lesbian orientation. Although much research has examined the possible **genetic, hormonal, developmental, social and cultural** influences on sexual orientation, **no findings have emerged** that permit scientists to conclude that sexual orientation is determined by any particular factor or factors. Many think that nature and nurture both play complex roles; most people experience little or no sense of choice about their sexual orientation. --

In other words: no scientific basis for “born that way.”
Are people “born that way?”

“The understanding of sexual orientation as an innate, biologically fixed property of human beings — the idea that people are “born that way” — is not supported by scientific evidence.”

Drs. Lawrence Mayer and Paul McHugh
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Do people Change?

“sexual orientation may be quite fluid over the life course for some people.”

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Can people Change?


Males, same-sex attracted or bi-sexually attracted in 1994,

80% identified themselves as exclusively heterosexual as young adults in 2007.
Do people Change?

- Identification is a decision.
- Behavior is a decision.
- These can change.
References:

American Psychological Association: “What causes a person to have a particular sexual orientation?”

“Special report on Sexuality and Gender” The New Atlantis, Lawrence S. Mayer and Paul McHugh.

American College of Pediatricians Position Statement on Gender Dysphoria.
Part II. What you can do to help.

- Help your family
- Help the Church.
Help Your Family

“I think I’m gay.”

Dan Mattson (OK for teens.)

- Don’t freak out!
- Ask them what they mean.
How can we help?

Robert Oscar Lopez (not for kids!)

Raised by mother and her lesbian partner.
Outspoken critic of same sex parenting.
Attacked: lost his job.
His site gives tips for gays who want to leave.

https://englishmanif.blogspot.mx/

ruthinstitute.org
Joseph Sciambra, former gay porn star.

I do not send young kids to this site. It is too raw. You go!

http://josephsciambra.com/surviving-gaybarely/
How can we help?

- Support young people’s sense of themselves as male or female.
- Give them space to talk, including sexual abuse or other trauma.
- Be friends! Include them in activities. Apostolate of friendship.
Help the Church: Ordinary laity

- Most of us are not in a position to change policies.
- We are not canon lawyers, journalists, or law enforcement.
Problems with Institutional solutions

- Previous National Review Board “petered out,” Raymond Arroyo.
- Resignations
- No discovery powers
- No enforcement powers
- Focus instead, on the victims, direct and indirect, (innocent clergy).
Change the playing field

The S-L-O Method
Who could report abusive situations within the Church?

- Victims themselves
- Observers, such as housekeepers, church secretaries, and other employees
- Other clergy
What stops people from reporting abusive situations?

- Fear of retaliation including
- Reassignment: (A nun who tried to say something about “James” was “sent away.”)
- Ridicule
- losing:
  - Livelihood
  - Housing
  - Reputation
\[ S = \textbf{Support} \text{ the whistleblowers} \]

- Provide housing
- Alternative employment
- Friendship
- Letters of reference.
- We can do this whether the bishops change any of their policies.
- We change the incentives for the church institutional structures.
“James,” McCarrick’s 20-year victim

- 11 years old
- Tried to tell his parents: no one believed him.
- Even his sister was shocked when he told her this past June.
L = Listen to Victims and whistleblowers

- What if people had listened to James? At least, his life would have been better.
- We can do this whether the bishops change any of their policies.
- We change the incentives for the church institutional structures.
Sign our “petition:”
We believe you, James.

- Tell this anonymous man, now 60 years old, that we believe him.
- At the top of the Ruth Institute Facebook page.
We can make a difference!

- Come over to the Ruth Booth!
- Pick up brochures.
- Order forms for

**The Sexual State.**

Special conference pricing: $25 includes shipping, and my autograph!
References

- https://youtu.be/FifBf4e4C20  EWTN report, including Marjorie Murphy Campbell