

California Cowardice¹

We've grown used to the fact California is one of the most liberal states in the nation. Examples occur every year of irresponsible and downright loony bills proposed by the legislature. Many of these misguided efforts are stopped through public outcry or when the Governor sidesteps political suicide by a veto. Unfortunately, a particularly vile law, SB 777, was recently signed by Governor Schwarzenegger. This legislation amends the State Education Code to define discrimination using existing hate crimes categories. But it goes further; it departs from common sense and facts in at least two areas: arbitrary gender and sexual perversion.

Under this law gender becomes a personal choice, identifying yourself as a male or female independent of your biological sex, or as the law puts it: "gender related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with the person's assigned sex at birth". Besides the incredible ignorance shown in denying the fact a person's sex is determined at conception (not "assigned" at birth), only truly deceived, morally bankrupt people would think gender is a choice that can change from day to day.

Given liberal courts, and the homosexual stranglehold on our legislature and Governor, do you really think SB 777 will tolerate restrooms, sports teams, shower rooms, physical education and health classes, or homecoming kings and queens remaining separate and distinct based upon a person's biological sex? Think again – SB 777 will abolish all sex differentiated activities. But that's not all; this legislation also prohibits ANYTHING that could appear biased against homosexuals, bisexuals or transsexuals in curriculum or the school environment. Will referring to a traditional family and the role of a husband and wife (or mom and dad) be discrimination against gays? Will stating a religious conviction about sexual perversion be outlawed? Will scientific research showing no biological basis for homosexuality be forbidden? Will the facts concerning the horrible health risks, shortened lifespan, psychological damage, and the harmful indiscriminate sexual practices these lifestyles produce be outlawed? Yes! In effect truth, scientific facts, Biblical convictions, reasoning, even objective observations would all be punishable while the aberrant and abnormal will be promoted (Isa 5:20)

How did this legislation get approved? Besides playing to a very vocal and belligerent minority group, I can only conclude the majority of our legislature, and the Governor himself, are cowards when it comes to taking a stand against moral darkness. How can any reasonable person believe someone can change their gender on a whim? How can anyone with a conscience force school children to be assaulted by mainstreaming of sexual deviancy? How can someone be so morally bankrupt, ignorant, or politically blinded to use legislative fiat to remove

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facts and Biblical convictions from schools and yet force acceptance of virtually everything else? This legislation is shameful, but not isolated. It's the result of a long war on our cherished values by men and women that don't deserve the honor due their elected positions. Obviously, this legislation would never be put to the vote of the people because the vast majority would reject it. Yet because of cowardly decisions by legislators and the Governor, it will take incredible amounts of energy, money and time to correct this misguided law. It's not a matter of equal rights, it's not correcting some horrible wrong perpetuated on people, it's the rejection of clear moral standards by pawns used by an elite few to force acceptance of a repulsive lifestyle. Leaders should help men and women out of their bondage to degeneracy instead of encouraging something that sentences them to eventual destruction (Rom 1:28)

Now what? **First**, I applaud those legislators with the courage to recognize the blatant irresponsibility of this legislation and voted against it (no Republican legislator voted for it!). Each of them should be thanked and encouraged, while those that supported it should be publicly shamed. **Second**, a petition drive has been started to overturn this legislation. It requires over 433,000 valid signatures to place it on the ballot next year. To donate towards this effort and request petitions, go to www.SaveOurKids.net, but don't delay – time is short. In addition, **Third**, Advocates for Faith and Freedom, a non-profit law firm is filing a legal challenge to this legislation to prevent its taking effect this coming January. They also can use your support (www.fait-h-freedom.com). **Fourth**, commit to help replace those that have violated the public trust by supporting this egregious legislation. **Finally**, prayerfully consider permanently removing your children from public schools. The California Parent Teachers Association and California Teachers Association both support SB 777, what does that tell you about their concern for our children? Given the increasing moral pollution of our schools – how can we knowingly keep our children in an environment meant to pervert their view of morality and denigrate the beliefs we hold dear?

This is a war, giving up is not an option. Spiritual darkness will not be satisfied with just corrupting the public school system. Private schools, our churches, and even our freedom of speech and faith are ultimately at risk. The time is now to speak up and become engaged while we can still make a difference.

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