



The Homosexual Legal Agenda Religious, Freedom and Family

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Buenas dias, amigos / Good morning, friends.

A few weeks ago, in Istanbul, another international congress adjourned – one made up of 300 youth from 36 nations of Europe.

That congress adopted numerous resolutions, and ended with instructions that each one be sent to the governments of the members of the Council of Europe demanding they change the world you and I live in dramatically.

Their four pages of demands call on all European countries *“to grant same-sex couples the same ‘rights’ as couples in civil marriages.”*

What’s more, the Congress proclaims, with no basis – there is: *“no significant difference between children raised by same-sex couples and heterosexual couples and that ‘54 percent of homosexuals in the EU believe that their sexual orientation puts them at a disadvantage in their everyday life.’”*

To assuage those concerns, the Youth Congress demands hundreds of laws be changed, a redefinition of family, a massive media campaign to promote “equality,” the reconditioning of children through school programs, and the amending of the European Charter to define marriage as “two persons.”

All of that, just to enthrone what they call legal *equality* for a form of sexual behavior – and for those who practice it – that is incapable of giving life or allowing its practitioners to even reproduce themselves ... laws that would impact this continent immensely.



The youth at the congress may actually believe that applying legal force and sanctions against those who oppose such laws will produce more “equality.”

But they clearly do not understand how such actions will diminish liberty for everyone – and – eventually – reduce true freedom and “equality” even of those who practice such things.

Throughout history, “utopians,” usually on the Left, have sought to re-order society by forging draconian new laws and forcing new behaviors on people. Often done in the name of “equality,” which really meant the subjugation of individuals, families, and society to the State the utopians seek to control.

More often than not, these young utopians see their “revolutions” turn to violence and destruction...with many forms of punishment imposed on all who oppose the fabrication of their “new world order.”

Usually, this is because the “new rights” and the “new order” pressed for by these agitators are not human rights or liberty at all, but about the utopians wanting to defy their beliefs or plunder their possessions, of others.

And the end result, sadly, is less freedom for you, for them, for everyone. For “*where equality is enthroned,*” a writer recently said, “*freedom is destroyed.*”

It is in the face of such enormous confusion that we gather here today, to address the challenges that are entangling all of us, in each of our respective nations seeking to forge a positive response.

I am honored by this invitation and by the distinguished company of thoughtful international leaders in this room today.

We all bring many perspectives to the table. I come here as a husband, a father, and a CEO, but primarily as an attorney who’s been involved in legal matters in Europe, the Pacific, and the Americas since the 1980s.

I am here today on behalf of the Alliance Defense Fund, not just to stand before you, but to stand with you as we face together and stand up to the forces that are so determined to destroy life, to redefine marriage and the meaning of family, and to limit your freedom to daily express and live out our faith.

Sadly, in your and my home nations, that battle has become all but synonymous with the homosexual legal agenda.



Let me give you a brief sampling of the sheer spectrum of cases – all related to that agenda – that the Alliance Defense Fund has litigated over the last few years. You will note as “equality” and “tolerance” is demanded in the name of the agenda, it is one-sided and persecution and prosecution result.

In New Jersey, our client, the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association of the United Methodist Church, a private religious organization like so many of yours, faced tax law and human rights challenges for denying use of its private worship facility to two lesbians for their “commitment ceremony.”

In New Mexico, Elaine Huguenin, a young Christian photographer, a private businessperson like many of you, was assessed \$7,000 for politely declining to use her artistic talent to photograph another lesbian “commitment” service.

Julea Ward, an honors counseling student at Eastern Michigan University, a student like many of you, was kicked out of her Masters program because – faced with a potential client wanting advice to improve his same-sex relationship that clashed with Julea’s religious convictions – she asked to refer the client to another counselor.

That’s exactly what they taught her to do with values conflicts, but they kicked her out of school anyway for following what she believed.

Jonathan Lopez, a Los Angeles City College student, was called a “fascist bastard” by his professor, who refused even to grade Jonathan’s assignment because, in a classroom presentation, the young man defended marriage as the union of one man and one woman, just like many of you would.

At the University of Illinois, Professor Ken Howell, a teacher like many of you, was discharged for truthfully answering a question on Catholic teachings about homosexual behavior, in a class on Catholic doctrine.

In Kentucky, Larry Dombrowski, a federal aviation supervisor, was reprimanded, suspended without pay, and transferred to another state for politely discussing his faith-based objections to same-sex “marriage” in a private conversation with co-workers during off-duty time.

Canadian authorities actually tried to tell Pastor Stephen Boissain, a pastor like some of you, that he was barred for life from any public or private “negative” speech about homosexual behavior after he wrote a letter to his local newspaper.



And in Sweden, Pastor Ake Green faced prison for sharing the Gospel's words on sexual morality from the pulpit of his own church.

These cases, which are just a sample; threaten livelihoods, limit freedom of expression, and attack rights of conscience, and they reveal the extremism of the homosexual legal agenda – an extremism that seeks out and persecutes any soul, in any corner of our society, who refuses to publicly embrace and aggressively promote homosexual behavior.

The good news is – it's not too late – the good news is that we have won many cases against the homosexual legal agenda but we can't win if we don't stand, fight, and stand with those who do so.

Our leaders, our churches, and our children must be made to understand this: you are not being encouraged to show "tolerance," or extend "equality."

You are being ordered to, you are being commanded to violate your conscience, to set aside your deepest beliefs, and to betray the most basic truths God has planted in the hearts of every man.

And in the course of the now hundreds of cases the Alliance Defense Fund has now fought involving this homosexual agenda, one thing is certain: there is no room for compromise with those who would call evil "good."

To accomplish their purposes, those pressing this legal agenda have seduced much of the popular culture, trampled ballot boxes, bullied faith-based voters, co-opted government leaders and legislatures, and assaulted courts in countries all over the world with their unrelenting demands based on their sexual appetites and desires.

We are engaged in a battle of laws, words, ideas, and emotions, but most of all, in a spiritual battle, between those who take God at his word, and those who twist, ignore, belittle, and even outlaw the Truth of Scripture to secure their own agenda.

To oppose that agenda is to be labeled "intolerant." And seemingly there is nothing worse, in our culture today, than being labeled "intolerant."

All too many people of faith fear nothing so much as being called a "bigot" – and what is a bigot, if not someone who looks on others with "intolerance?"



Of course, nowadays, “intolerance” is a term that can only be applied to people of faith like you. Those advancing the homosexual legal agenda, no matter how cruel or intolerant of you, are immune from the charge.

And the sad truth is that, in the eyes of most of the media and many in society, people of faith will always be bigots, because we are called to put faith before feelings, God’s will before men’s pleasures, the urgings of conscience before the propaganda of licentious culture.

If your conscience bothers you, our opponents simply expect you to suppress and kill it.

What they tragically fail to understand is that the same conscience that shows us that homosexual behavior is self-destructive and wrong encourages us to reach out with love and kindness and forgiveness to those who practice such behavior.

Conscience, after all, is what urges us to look beyond the rule of law to follow that eternal law written on our hearts by our Creator Himself. It is that law – the law of God – the law of love and life – that tells us we can’t settle for same-sex “marriage”, or even “civil unions.”

That we can’t endorse schemes and other sex-partner subsidies in the workplace or by governments for those engaged in homosexual behavior.

That we can’t support same-sex adoptions, or the idea that permanently depriving a child of a father and mother is as good as both a mom and a dad.

That we can’t stand by while they teach our children that homosexual urges, no how much a struggle, are legitimate and honorable and good.

Nor can we stand by when they distort historic Jewish and Christian faith which teaches that while we oppose this destructive behavior and this agenda, that we still uphold and respect the dignity of every human person, created Imago Deo.

To do any of these things is to pretend not only to society, to all nations, but to those actually engaged in homosexual behavior themselves, that these actions won’t eventually destroy them.

The message we are called to convey is a message of mercy – but it’s a mercy those so bent on self-destruction are trying desperately not to hear. And they’re willing to do almost anything to silence messengers who would lead them out of darkness, and into the light of God’s love.

There are few clearer examples of what those who stand for the Truth are facing in our culture today than what is being experienced right here in Spain by Bishop Juan Antonio Reig Pla.



In his recent Good Friday sermon, the good Bishop told his faithful how different kinds of sin work to erode and destroy the human soul. He spoke of adultery and stealing, mistreating one's employees, and homosexual behavior.

In an interview, the Bishop said that, in contemporary society, we are confronted with, quote:

"...a program of calculated 'deconstruction' that is tolerated in every setting "and "includes the promotion and protection of a great number of evil laws and some powerful lobbying groups that determine what is politically correct, and therefore, socially acceptable."

I understand that yesterday His Excellency was given a well-deserved standing ovation.

For those truthful words, supports of the homosexual agenda have formally accused Bishop Reig Pla before Spain's General Prosecutor of, quote *"inciting discrimination and hate."*

But the activists in Spain, as elsewhere, want much more than the speaker's head on a platter. They are demanding, quote:

"...the Catholic Church cannot continue using the protection of the Constitution as a permanent defense that permits it to promote segregation and discrimination based on positions abandoned long ago by society."

So it's not just the messenger.

It's the Church itself that must be brought low. It's nothing less than a national constitution that must be edited to suit the preferences of those lost in their own sexual depravity.

Again, my friends, THIS is the real homosexual agenda.

Not equality.

Not tolerance.

Not just the dissolution of faith traditions and the laws of marriage – and of religious belief itself – but the dismantlement of any government or constitution or church that protects the rights of conscience.

And that's what that Congress of Youth in Istanbul mistakenly called for more of.



Obviously, these problems cross all national borders. Almost everywhere in the world today, people of faith are under relentless legal attack for doing what, under God, they must do: protect life, preserve marriage and the family, and defend religious freedom.

We must stand up, speak up, litigate, engage in public policy, on the cultural debate as never before.

And when we do, let me share a word of hope...a little light I see, from my home “across the pond.”

In my country, 31 out of 50 states have now enacted constitutional amendments protecting marriage as the union between one man and one woman – in every state the people have been allowed to vote – despite millions of dollars, Hollywood, and a secular media’s relentless campaign to redefine marriage.

In my country, more than a half million people, including key religious leaders from many faiths and denominations – have now signed the Manhattan Declaration, an important document affirming their personal commitment to work tirelessly to protect life, families, marriage, and religious freedom – and to not obey “unjust laws” that decree otherwise.

In my country, religious leaders from across the spectrum have recognized the unprecedented dangers posed by the Obamacare abortion mandates.

This government decree orders Christian, Jewish, and other religious organizations, ministries, and churches to underwrite the costs of abortion inducing drugs and sterilizations.

Bad as it is, the mandate has awakened millions of people of faith long asleep, and now Jews, Christians, and others across America are increasingly alert to how broad and deep the efforts have become to silence the Church, and bend it to the will of those promoting a Leftist agenda.

In my country, many of those same people of faith are realizing the dangers posed worldwide by an organization called Planned Parenthood – a business built on the deaths of tens of millions of children executed in their mother’s womb.

For perhaps the first time in Planned Parenthood’s nearly 100-year-history, serious legal forces are at work throughout our country to expose their illicit business dealings and true, merciless agenda, and I’m thankful to say that the Alliance Defense Fund is leading much of that effort. Pray to see that terrible organization brought to its knees.



But perhaps the most hopeful news I can give you is to remind you, once again, that you are not alone.

Our Lord promised He would never leave you or forsake you.

And as leader of the Alliance Defense Fund, I have the extraordinary privilege of meeting – every day – men and women and children – from across the planet – of every age and background and religious persuasion – many with very limited financial resources – many who thought they were all alone.

Many who were frightened at the prospect of standing against the legal juggernauts that exist to crush anyone who speaks up for life, or defends marriage, or tries to exercise even a little bit of religious liberty.

But frightened though they were, they are finding the courage, thanks be to God to stand. To speak. To take action. To stand up to the confusion manifested by decrees of Congresses like the one in Istanbul, to stand up to the utopians and their totalitarian agendas.

To, if necessary, face real persecution – not because they nurture dreams of martyrdom, but because standing for liberty is the right and godly thing to do.

Like Queen Esther, they have come to realize that God often allows difficult situations for people of faith ... *“for such a time as this.”*

History and scripture do remind us that persecution often accompanies those who stand. Yet Jesus Himself declared, *“Let your light so shine before men that they may see it, and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

This is the time when the light of our faith must shine. The darker the persecution, the brighter our light must shine.

Countless souls – including the very ones that oppose, torment, persecute, and despise us – including those misguided youth of Europe – are depending on the light we shine, the truth we speak, the witness we live, the compassion we demonstrate.

As Bishop Reig Pla said, *“I don’t want to offend anyone. But I won’t renounce speaking the truth in charity.”*

Let us stand with the Bishop.



Let us preach Truth in clarity.

We don't know the outcome of the great struggles now before us – but we do know the outcome of battles in which we surrender, and we know in the end, that God and Truth will be victorious.

This is as sure as the cross itself, and as certain as the empty tomb.

I close with the words of the prophet Jahaziel, as reported in the Hebrew Scriptures, who told his people:

“Position yourselves, stand... and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you! Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you.”

And as we seek to do His good will, it is my great honor, on behalf of all your fellow servants at the Alliance Defense Fund, to tell you that we stand beside you, not only in Spirit, but in courtrooms around the world.

Thank you for your faithful example.

May God bless you, strengthen you, and equip you mightily with His grace for the challenges and opportunities to come as you continue to stand.