



## THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S ATTACKS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, SANCTITY OF LIFE, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY



*"Few presidents understand the power of speech better than Barack Obama, and even fewer the power of denying it to others."*

Kimberly Stassel, "All the President's IRS Agents," *Wall Street Journal*, February 27, 2014

*"[President Obama] wants to restrict the exercise of the freedom of religion to freedom of worship; that is, he holds that one is free to act according to his conscience within the confines of his place of worship but that, once the person leaves the place of worship, the government can constrain him to act against his rightly-formed conscience, even in the most serious of moral questions."* – Cardinal Raymond Burke

Michael Chapman, "Vatican Chief Justice: Obama's Policies 'Progressively More Hostile to Christian Civilization,'" *CNSNews.com*, March 21, 2014

### DIRECT ATTACKS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, SANCTITY OF LIFE, AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY BY THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

#### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

1. Pledged to sign the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) into law – interfering with the right for religious employers to choose their employees. <sup>1</sup>
2. Appointed radical homosexual activist Chai Feldblum to the position of commissioner on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Feldblum is on record saying: "...we should ... not tolerate private beliefs about sexual orientation and gender ... Protecting one group's identity may, at times, require that we burden others' belief liberty ... it is essential that we not privilege moral beliefs that are religiously based over other sincerely held, core, moral beliefs." <sup>2</sup>
3. Signed into law the so-called "Hate Crimes" law, which has been a precursor to the silencing of religiously-based speech regarding sexual behavior. <sup>3</sup>
4. Advocated for and repealed the military "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy with no religious liberty exceptions, resulting in serious religious liberty implications for military chaplains and all service members of faith. <sup>4</sup>
5. Modified Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines – forcing landlords to violate their conscience. <sup>5</sup>
6. Designated "religious public service" as the only public service that will not be counted as payment towards student loans. <sup>6</sup>
7. Argued in *Hosanna-Tabor v. EEOC* that the government could interfere with the internal faith and mission of religious organizations and churches. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 9-0 against this attempt to attack religious freedom. <sup>7</sup>
8. Changed "freedom of religion" to "freedom to worship," a lexicon shift that could limit religious freedom outside the four walls of the church. <sup>8</sup>
9. Ordered the removal of a monogram symbolizing Jesus before speaking at Georgetown University. <sup>9</sup>
10. Refused to host the National Day of Prayer at the White House. <sup>10</sup>
11. Omitted, on at least three occasions, the mention of the Creator in the Declaration of Independence. <sup>11</sup>
12. Misquoted the national motto, "In God We Trust," saying it was "E pluribus Unum." <sup>12</sup>
13. Neglected to fill the position of religious freedom ambassador for almost two years. Finally relented after public and congressional pressure. <sup>13</sup>

14. Opposed inclusion of President Franklin Roosevelt’s “D-Day Prayer” as part of the World War II Memorial, saying it would “dilute” the memorial. <sup>14</sup>
15. Declined to make any religious references in his annual Thanksgiving speech. <sup>15</sup>
16. Promoted the demands of the homosexual agenda over the religious beliefs of other nations, calling those beliefs an “obstacle” to homosexual “rights.” <sup>16</sup>
17. Ignored a U.S. Supreme Court decision ordering the Mojave World War I cross memorial to be re-erected. <sup>17</sup>
18. Disputed the granting of asylum to a German homeschooling family who had taken refuge in the United States to escape Germany’s mandatory public education laws, stating that Germany’s law “*fails to violate the family’s fundamental rights.*” The Supreme Court declined to review the case, thereby sending the family back to Germany, where they will face huge fines, criminal penalties, and the possible loss of custody of their five children. <sup>18</sup>
19. Issued new Department of Justice workplace guidelines entitled “LGBT Inclusion at Work: The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Managers” which require that DOJ employees affirm homosexual behavior and state that “silence” means “disapproval.” These guidelines could threaten future advancement for those who do not express “support” for those who engage in homosexual behavior. <sup>19</sup>
20. Announced that he “strongly objected” to an amendment protecting religious freedom and freedom of conscience for members of the military. Rep. John Fleming (R-LA), the author of the amendment said, “*This administration is aggressively hostile towards religious beliefs that it deems to be politically incorrect.*” <sup>20</sup>
21. Speaking at Belfast, Ireland’s Waterfront Hall to 2,000 young people at the G8 Summit, President Obama attacked Catholic and Protestant schools, saying: “*If towns remain divided – if Catholics have their schools and buildings and Protestants have theirs, if we can’t see ourselves in one another and fear or resentment are allowed to harden – that too encourages division and discourages cooperation.*” <sup>21</sup> American Catholics for Religious Freedom responded: “*Secular progressives like President Obama ignore the truth that faith-based education is a component of the religious freedom guaranteed by the Constitution.*” <sup>22</sup>
22. Omitted the words “*under God*” from his reading of the Gettysburg Address in a video done with various celebrities and former Presidents, in a line that every other participant delivered as “*that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom.*” <sup>23</sup>
23. Recorded an introduction to *Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey*, produced by avowed atheist Seth MacFarlane. The host of the program, Neil deGrasse Tyson said: “*If you start using your scripture, your religious text as a source of your science, that’s where you run into problems... Enlightened people... don’t use the Bible as a textbook.*” <sup>24</sup>
24. Failed to nominate an ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom, despite announcing five months earlier (February 2014) at the National Prayer Breakfast that he planned to do so. <sup>25</sup>
25. Issued an executive order mandating that companies/contractors doing federal government work extend workplace “protections” to “gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered” individuals, with no religious exemption. <sup>26</sup>
26. In response to this executive order, the Department of Labor put in new regulations to “add gender identity and sexual orientation to the classes it protects” against discrimination. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops condemned the regulations saying, “*they appear to prohibit employers’ religious and moral disapproval of same-sex sexual conduct, which creates a serious threat to freedom of conscience and religious liberty.*” <sup>27</sup>
27. Nominated Rabbi David Nathan Saperstein as Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom. Rabbi Saperstein is a long-time abortion advocate and called the *Hobby Lobby* decision affirming religious freedom, “*deeply troubling.*” <sup>28</sup>
28. While remaining silent on the slaughter of more than 160 Christian students in Kenya by Islamic terrorists, President Obama condemned Christians at the Easter Prayer Breakfast for “*less than loving expressions...*” <sup>29</sup>

### **LIFE/RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE**

29. Issued a mandate under Obamacare requiring religious organizations to provide abortion-inducing drugs, sterilizations, and contraceptives free of charge to their employees in direct violation to the organization’s beliefs, and also forced faith-based businesses to do so as well or face massive financial penalties. <sup>30</sup> After a public outcry, the administration announced an “accommodation” that requires insurance companies to pay for these services, even though the organizations/businesses are still paying the insurance premiums that will ultimately pay for these “free” drugs. <sup>31</sup>
30. Subsidized Planned Parenthood by directing visitors to its website to Obamacare and Medicaid Managed Care plans that include the nation’s leading abortionist as an “in-network provider.” Visitors to the site are told “*The*

health insurance plans in the [Obamacare] marketplace listed on the right include Planned Parenthood as an ‘in-network’ provider. That means you can use your insurance to cover health care services at Planned Parenthood if you have any of the insurance plans listed here. And with your new insurance, birth control and annual well-women exams will be covered for free, with no co-pay! ... If you find out that you qualify for Medicaid, it’s important to know that Planned Parenthood health centers are also providers in many Medicaid Managed Care plans. In fact, under Medicaid, you can come to Planned Parenthood for birth control ... covered for free, without a co-pay – even if Planned Parenthood is not included as an in-network provider in your Medicaid plan.”<sup>32</sup>

31. Overturned Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) protections for health care workers, which protected them from being forced to participate in abortions and other activities that would violate their sincerely-held religious beliefs.<sup>33</sup>
32. Revoked a grant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops which had used the funds over a ten-year period to effectively combat human sex trafficking because of the bishops’ objections to abortion.<sup>34</sup>
33. Tightened rules so religious groups that refuse abortion counseling can no longer get grants to help sex trafficking victims unless they ensure that counseling is provided by a third party.<sup>35</sup>
34. Repealed President Ronald Reagan’s “Mexico City Policy,” which denied federal funding to organizations that perform abortions overseas.<sup>36</sup>
35. Nominated three pro-abortion ambassadors to the Vatican, which rejected all three.<sup>37</sup>
36. Became the first sitting president to address a Planned Parenthood conference, telling the abortion giant, “Thank you, Planned Parenthood. God bless you.”<sup>38</sup>
37. After the Food and Drug Administration approved the over-the-counter sale of the Plan B abortion pill to 15 year old girls, President Obama said he was “comfortable” with the decision.<sup>39</sup>
38. Approved the over-the-counter sale of the abortion-inducing “Plan B morning after pill” for girls of any age, pleasing abortion advocates who claimed it was a victory for “reproductive justice” while invading and undermining parental rights.<sup>40</sup>
39. Awarded the highest medal that can be given to a civilian, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, to militant feminist Gloria Steinem, who proudly wore a T-shirt stating, “I Had an Abortion” as part of a Planned Parenthood advertising campaign.<sup>41</sup> Steinem would later remark that the medal was really honored Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger and that no president understood “reproductive freedom” like Obama, adding: “There’s no president in history from whose hand I would be more honored to receive this medal.”<sup>42</sup>
40. On the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, which has resulted in more than 56 million abortions, President Obama issued the following statement: “Today, as we reflect on the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, we recommit ourselves to the decision’s guiding principle: that every woman should be able to make her own choices about her body and her health. We reaffirm our steadfast commitment to protecting a woman’s access to safe, affordable health care and her constitutional right to privacy, including the right to reproductive freedom. And we resolve to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies, support maternal and child health, and continue to build safe and healthy communities for all our children. Because this is a country where everyone deserves the same freedom and opportunities to fulfill their dreams.”<sup>43</sup>
41. Confirmed that a new HHS regulation requires federally funded caregivers of illegal alien unaccompanied minors, including faith-based organizations, either provide abortion services or refer minors to other organizations that will provide abortion.<sup>44</sup>

### **MARRIAGE, FAMILY, AND THE HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA**

42. Announced that the Attorney General will no longer defend the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), signed into law by President Clinton in 1996.<sup>45</sup> He later announced his support for same-sex “marriage.”<sup>46</sup>
43. After being introduced by two third-grade girls asked their lesbian “moms” be allowed to “marry,” the President said: “...if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well.”<sup>47</sup>
44. In remarks to “Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies,” Secretary of State John Kerry said, “And the fact is that we have an administration...that I am proud to say no longer defends the constitutionality of DOMA.” He added that supporting the demands of the homosexual agenda “isn’t an aberration...This isn’t some step out of the mainstream. It’s actually the mainstream is out of step of what ought to be the mainstream.”<sup>48</sup>
45. After the Illinois legislature fabricated same-sex “marriage,” President Obama said: “...Michelle and I are overjoyed for all the committed couples in Illinois whose love will now be as legal as ours ... if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well ... I’m so proud that men and women elected to serve the people of the great state of Illinois have chose to take us one step further on that journey to perfect our union.”<sup>49</sup>

46. When the Hawaii legislature fabricated same-sex “marriage,” President Obama said: *“By giving loving gay and lesbian couples the right to marry if they choose, Hawaii exemplifies the values we hold dear as a nation.”*<sup>50</sup>
47. Asked openly homosexual Episcopal Right Reverend Gene Robinson to say the closing prayer at the White House Easter prayer breakfast. Robinson has a civil union with another homosexual man and works for the far-left Center for American Progress to implement the demands of homosexual behavior advocates.<sup>51</sup>
48. Secretary of State John Kerry put out a statement commemorating the “International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.” His statement said: *“...This is a day of action for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities and their allies around the world ... the United States is proud to be doing its part. This past week, we convened religious leaders and representatives of faith-based organizations to think about how we work together to promote and protect the human rights of LGBT persons ... The United States will continue to protect and promote the human rights of LGBT persons worldwide this day and every day. Onward.”*<sup>52</sup>
49. Thanked a group of “newlywed” same-sex couples for *“mak[ing] America more just and more compassionate”* and added: *“Because of your help, we’ve been able to do more to protect the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans than any administration in history.”*<sup>53</sup>
50. In his remarks to GLIFAA (formerly Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies) “Pride” event, Secretary of State John Kerry said: *“... I am very proud of the progress that we are now making even in appointing LGBT ambassadors ... [We have] five openly gay ambassadors now serving their country. I’m working hard to ensure that by the end of my tenure, we will have lesbian, bisexual, and transgender ambassadors in our ranks as well.”*<sup>54</sup>
51. In her remarks at the White House Forum on Global LGBT Rights, National Security Advisor Susan Rice said: *“Universal human rights are not bestowed on by governments or powerful majorities, they are God’s gift and the birth right of all people. They belong to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender men and women as surely as they belong to anyone in the human family ... America’s support for LGBT rights is not just a national cause, it’s a global enterprise... For all the faith community, how can we reinforce to religious groups that God loves all the children of his creation equally?”*<sup>55</sup>
52. Announced he would sign an executive order prohibiting federal contractors from “discriminating” on the basis of sexual orientation and “gender identity.”<sup>56</sup>
53. Proclaimed at a “pride” event of homosexual and transgendered individuals at the White House that a homosexual professor at Occidental College *“helped shape his thinking”* on “LGBT rights,” adding, *“If somebody gave him guff, he’d give them guff right back and was, I think, part of a generation that really fought so many battles that ultimately came into fruition later.”*<sup>57</sup>
54. Celebrated the “Gay Games” with a video announcement, where the President said: *“You should know that the United States stands with you and for your human rights, just as our athletes stand with you on the field in these games.”*<sup>58</sup>
55. At the press conference announcing the resignation of Attorney General Eric Holder, President Obama praised the Attorney General for advancing the “cause” of same-sex “marriage,” saying, *“And several years ago, he recommended that our government stop defending the Defense of Marriage Act ... and opened the door to federal recognition of same-sex marriage, and federal benefits to same-sex couples.”*<sup>59</sup>
56. In his January 20, 2015 State of the Union address, President Obama praised same-sex “marriage,” saying: *“I’ve seen something like gay marriage go from a wedge issue used to drive us apart to a story of freedom across our country, a civil right now legal in states that seven in 10 Americans call home. So I know the good, and optimistic, and big-hearted generosity of the American people who every day live the idea that we are our brother’s keeper and our sister’s keeper.”*<sup>60</sup>
57. Speaking to a group of television and movie screenwriters in Washington D.C., First Lady Michelle Obama praised the movie and television industries for promoting same-sex “marriage,” saying: *“Every day, through the movies and TV shows and ads you all create, you have the power to shape our understanding of the world around us. You challenge our most strongly held beliefs. You influence our opinion on current events. So the fact is, in many ways, you all are in a unique position to address some of the most challenging issues we face as a nation. Just take the issue of gay rights. It wasn’t all that long ago that this was a third-rail kind of issue ... Cam and Mitchell – two of my favorites – are raising their daughter on ‘Modern Family’ ... And at the same time, we’ve seen gay rights advance in real life as well. As my husband said, we’ve seen gay marriage go from a wedge issue into a civil right in states all across the country...”*<sup>61</sup>
58. Announced that Randy Berry had been appointed to be the first “Special Envoy for the Human Rights of LGBT Persons.” The press statement by Secretary of State John Kerry said: *“Defending and promoting the human rights of LGBT persons is at the core of our commitment to advancing human rights globally – the heart and conscience of our diplomacy.”*<sup>62</sup>
59. At the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Selma, Alabama civil rights march, President Obama repeatedly compared the demands of homosexual activists to the black civil rights movement, saying: *“We’re the gay Americans whose blood ran*

*in the streets of San Francisco and New York just as the blood ran down this bridge.”*<sup>63</sup> He added: *“Ask your gay friend if it’s easier to be out and proud in America now than it was 30 years ago.”*<sup>64</sup>

60. In a statement posted on the White House website, President Obama backed legislation that would ban parents from seeking conversion therapy for their children struggling with same-sex attraction. In the statement, advisor Valerie Jarrett said that parents disserve their children when they do not accept them to be “LGBTQ.” She added: *“This Administration believes that young people should be valued for who they are ... the gender in which they identify, or who they love.”*<sup>65</sup>
61. The Obama Administration announced that it opened a “gender-neutral” bathroom within the White House complex. The “bathroom” will be located in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. White House spokesman Jeff Tiller said: *“The White House allows staff and guests to use restrooms consistent with their gender identity ...”*<sup>66</sup>
62. Issued a presidential statement commemorating “International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.” The statement read: *Michelle and I join our fellow Americans and others around the world in commemorating the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia tomorrow, May 17. We take this opportunity to reaffirm that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) rights are human rights, to celebrate the dignity of every person, and to underscore that all people deserve to live free from fear, violence, and discrimination, regardless of who they are or whom they love. We work toward this goal every day. Here at home, we are working to end bias-motivated violence, combat discrimination in the workplace, and address the specific needs of transgender persons. Overseas, I am proud of the steps that the United States has taken to prioritize the protection and promotion of LGBT rights in our diplomacy and global outreach. There is much more to do, and this fight for equality will not be won in a day. But we will keep working, at home and abroad, and we will keep fighting, for however long it takes until we are all able to live free and equal in dignity and rights.”*<sup>67</sup>
63. Declared June 2015 as “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month.” In article for the Department of Defense News, Air Force General Counsel Gordon O. Tanner said: *“LGBT month is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of LGBT members of the military.”* After noting that the Air Force’s core values are “Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do,” he added: *“So what does integrity mean? Well, to me it means we listen to our moral compass, that we live life with courage, honesty, a sense of openness, justice, and accountability ... And it’s hard, I think, to be a person of integrity if you’re not living ... openly and living [as] who you are.”*<sup>68</sup>
64. Appointed “transgender” attorney Shannon Minter to the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships, which interviews and recommends people to the president for appointment as White House Fellows, who spend a year as full-time, paid assistants to senior White House staff. Minter is the legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights and was the lead attorney arguing before the California Supreme Court to overturn Proposition 8.<sup>69</sup>
65. At a White House “pride” event, President Obama listed all of his “accomplishments” on behalf of the “LGBT community,” stating, *“The civil rights of LGBT Americans – this is an issue whose time has come ... We’ve got brave folks coming out in the highest levels of business, government, sports, and in Hollywood. We’re seeing television shows portraying transgender characters and families. And the power of example is slowly changing people’s hearts.”* He added that transgendered individuals are “heroes” to young boys and girls *“struggling with their own identity.”*<sup>70</sup>
66. After the Supreme Court’s 5-4 decision creating same-sex “marriage” in all 50 states, the following graphic at right appeared on the White House website:



In addition, the White House was lit up in rainbow colors:



Commenting on the Supreme Court's creation of same-sex marriage, President Obama said: *"I did not have a chance to comment on how good the White House looked in rainbow colors. That made it a real good week – to see people gathered in an evening on a beautiful summer night, and to feel whole and to feel accepted and to feel that they had a right to love – that was pretty cool. That was a good thing ... That's a moment worth savoring."*<sup>71</sup>

### **OTHER ATTACKS DURING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION**

1. The Air Force Rapid Capabilities Office removed "God" from their patch after pressure from the Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers.<sup>72</sup>
2. Walter Reed National Military Medical Center prohibited the use of religious items during visits. Officials reversed the policy after meeting with members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus.<sup>73</sup>
3. The Air Force Academy rescinded support for Operation Christmas Child, a Christian charity that sends gifts to impoverished children from around the world, saying only Christian cadets could know about the program and their opportunity to participate.<sup>74</sup>
4. The Air Force Chief of Staff ordered commanders to no longer tell Airmen of the Chaplain Corps program.<sup>75</sup>
5. The Air Force stopped an ethics briefing that included Biblical and religious references – a brief that had been used for more than 20 years – after complaints from the Freedom from Religion Foundation.<sup>76</sup>
6. The Department of Veterans Affairs halted the mention of God at flag folding ceremonies at veterans' funerals. The department backed off after complaints.<sup>77</sup>
7. Regional Directors for the National Labor Relations Board declared that St. Xavier University in Chicago, Manhattan College in New York, and Duquesne University in Pennsylvania, all Catholic institutions, were not "sufficiently religious" to be exempt from federal labor laws.<sup>78</sup>
8. The EEOC ruled that Belmont Abbey College, a Catholic institution, engaged in "gender discrimination" because the college refused to pay for birth control as part of its employees' health care plan.<sup>79</sup>
9. The Pentagon hired Mikey Weinstein, head of the "Military Religious Freedom Foundation" as a consultant to the military on "religious tolerance." Weinstein has compared Christian evangelism to "spiritual rape" and has called for the court-martial of chaplains who share the Gospel during spiritual consulting of American troops.<sup>80</sup>
10. The Office of Personnel Management ruled that members of Congress and their staffs are able to buy health care plans that pay for abortions, even though the premiums are funded largely by taxpayer funds – a direct violation of the Hyde Amendment which bars federal funding of abortions.<sup>81</sup>
11. At an Army briefing at Camp Shelby in Mississippi, peaceful pro-family Christian ministries such as the American Family Association and Family Research Council were listed alongside the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis, Black Panthers, Westboro Baptist Church, and the Nation of Islam as domestic "hate groups." Attendees were told to keep close tabs on other soldiers that supported AFA and FRC. Other Army briefings described evangelical Christians and Catholics as religious extremists.<sup>82</sup>
12. The Air Force Academy announced that it would allow cadets to opt-out of finishing the honor code with the words "So help me God."<sup>83</sup>
13. Two chaplains claimed they were forced out of a Veterans Affairs chaplain training program after they refused orders to stop quoting the Bible and to stop praying in the name of Jesus. According to the chaplains, they were told by Nancy Dietsch, a Department of Veterans Affairs employee after she told students there were many ways to heaven, and that *"If you believe your beliefs are right, and everyone else is wrong, you do not belong in the program"* and *"Do not quote Scripture in this class."* The chaplains have now filed a lawsuit against the Department of Veterans Affairs.<sup>84</sup>
14. An ad campaign to promote Obamacare to young women deliberately encouraged sexual promiscuity and "free" birth control. In one ad featuring a young woman holding her birth control pills next while standing next to a handsome male, the text reads: *"OMG, he's hot! Let's hope he's as easy to get as this birth control. My health insurance covers the pill, which means all I have to worry about is getting him between the covers. I got insurance...Thanks Obamacare!"*<sup>85</sup>
15. In a May 5, 2014 address to U.S. embassy staff in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Secretary of State John Kerry said: *"...Some people believe that people ought to be able to only do what they say they ought to do, or believe what they say they ought to believe, or live by their interpretation of something that was written down a thousand plus, two thousand years ago. That's not the way I think most people want to live."*<sup>86</sup>
16. The U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp celebrating Harvey Milk, the first openly homosexual member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. A special White House ceremony was held to commemorate

the event. The Postal Service said Milk “gave hope and confidence to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community in the United States and elsewhere...”<sup>87</sup>

17. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See posted on its Facebook page: “*Today is International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. Families need to understand this: Being gay is not a choice – it’s who you are,’ says Judy Shepherd...How can families support LGBT youth?*” Thomas Peters wrote: “*I don’t follow our other embassies, but I’ll be shocked to find out if our embassy to China is calling out that country for its abhorrent one-child policy. Or if any of our embassies to sharia law countries are calling them out for religious intolerance. No, it’s only on this issue that the Obama administration sees fit to lecture our allies and moralistically judge other countries, especially the Holy See.*”<sup>88</sup>
18. At a gala dinner for the “American Military Partner Association,” which advocates for homosexual behavior in the military, a spokesperson for the Department of Defense touted the “rapid advances” in erasing gender distinctions. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy Freitas Williams told attendees that the Pentagon has modified existing military leave policy to accommodate same-sex “marriages.” She added: “*History will record your actions [promoting same-sex behavior in the military] and your significance for all time.*”<sup>89</sup>
19. The U.S. Embassy in Madrid, Spain flew a rainbow flag – symbolizing the homosexual “rights” movement directly below the American flag on the “International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.”<sup>90</sup>
20. The Department of Health and Human Services announced that Medicare could no longer exclude “sex-reassignment” surgery from coverage.<sup>91</sup>
21. The National Park Service launched an initiative to include “*places and people of significance*” to the history of “*lesbian, gay, transgender, and bisexual Americans*” on the National Register of Historic Places, designate them as national historic landmarks, or give them consideration for national landmarks. Funding for the 18 “scholars” who will make the evaluations of what should be included is being financed by the Gill Foundation, which aggressively promotes the demands of the homosexual agenda nationwide.<sup>92</sup>
22. The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv flew the LGBT “rainbow” flag right under the American flag to mark “LGBT Pride Week. U.S. Ambassador Dan Shapiro said: “*For the first time in history, the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv has raised the Pride flag together with the American flag. We are proud to join with the municipality of Tel Aviv and its residents in celebrating LGBT Pride Week.*”<sup>93</sup>
23. Senior Chief Petty Officer Kristen Beck, formerly known as Christopher Beck when a member of Navy Seal Team 6, spoke at several high-profile events at intelligence agencies and the Pentagon to promote the integration of “transgendered” individuals in the military. Beck, author of the book, *Warrior Princess*, said: “*Transgender service in the armed forces, it will happen soon,*” and received an award after a speech at a meeting of the Defense Intelligence Agency.<sup>94</sup>
24. The Department of Health and Human Services recognized the “RISE” Project (Recognize, Intervene, Support, and Empower) in Los Angeles County for its work to fight “*anti-gay and anti-transgender bias*” in the county’s child welfare system. A poster for the program states: “*Embrace, encourage, and celebrate who we are*” and “*no homophobic, transphobic, racist, or sexual put downs and remarks are tolerated.*”<sup>95</sup>
25. The Department of Health and Human Services launched an online training “tool” through the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging to teach caregivers about “issues” facing older homosexual patients in long-term care facilities, in order to “*create a more welcoming environment for our LGBT populations.*”<sup>96</sup>
26. When the Bible Baptist Church of Carthage, Missouri invited members of the Missouri National Guard to attend a kids’ summer camp for an hour to be honored for protecting Missouri families, they were denied permission because of new Army regulations stating that “*Army participation must not selectively benefit (or appear to benefit) any person, group, or corporation (whether profit or non-profit); religion, sect, religious or sectarian group, or quasi-religious or ideological movement.*” Despite this regulation, service members, including the D.C. military honor guard, have marched in “gay pride parades” across America. One guardsman said: “*I can tell you I’m ashamed and embarrassed right now. This isn’t the military I signed up for.*”<sup>97</sup>
27. The Smithsonian Institute created a special exhibit celebrating the TV show, *Will & Grace*, which openly promoted homosexual behavior while mocking people of faith. The donation is part of a greater effort to document “gay and lesbian history.” Curator Katherine Ott said: “*There has always been gender non-conforming people in the U.S....So for us to build this collection means we can more fully document the history of this country.*”<sup>98</sup>
28. The historic Congressional Cemetery on Capitol Hill, which is home to gravesites of senators, congressmen, Supreme Court justices, and vice-presidents, added a memorial to homosexual military veterans. In announcing

the memorial, cemetery President Paul K. Williams said the stone structure would be put close to “*the ‘gay corner’ thought to be the only LGBT cemetery section in the world.*”<sup>99</sup>

29. Because of an Obamacare provision which prohibits health insurance companies from engaging in “discrimination” against sexually-confused individuals, tax dollars are being used to fund so-called “sex reassignment” surgeries.<sup>100</sup>
30. Announced that “transgendered” individuals should be allowed to openly serve in the military and that “transgender equality” would be a major priority for national security.<sup>101</sup>
31. Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter announced that sexual orientation (including transgenderism) had been added to the military’s “equal opportunity” policy, stating: “*Recognizing that our openness to diversity is one of the things that has allowed us to be the best in the world, we must ensure that everyone that’s able and willing to serve has the full and equal opportunity to do so. And we must start from a position of inclusivity, not exclusivity. Anything less is not just plain wrong; it’s bad defense policy, and puts our future strength at risk.*”<sup>102</sup>
32. Seven openly homosexual ambassadors, joined by Randy Berry, the State Department’s “special envoy for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) persons,” issued a statement that international free-trade agreements should export “American values” such as LGBTI “rights.” The statement read: “*We are committed to working with the White House to ensure that any trade agreement approved by Congress is a force for progress on human rights for everyone, including for LGBTI persons.*”<sup>103</sup>
33. At a June 18<sup>th</sup> Lambda Legal reception, Attorney General Loretta Lynch told LGBT activists to “*keep up the good work,*” stating “*we are finally witnessing the cascade of equality ... that will forever reshape this country ... We must – and we will – keep working to bring about the more equal society, the more just future, and the more perfect Union to which we must always aspire ... I cannot wait to celebrate all the victories that lie ahead as we continue to bend the arc of the moral universe decisively toward justice.*”<sup>104</sup>
34. The Library of Congress hosted an event showcase the publication of literature focused on homosexual behavior, including a homosexual man’s photography of nude male subjects and poetry by homosexual men and lesbians about their homosexuality.<sup>105</sup>
35. The Department of Justice argued in a brief to a federal court that “transgendered” high school students should be able to use school restrooms that “match up” with their “gender identity,” and can’t be forced to use the restroom that matches up with their physical characteristics. In the brief, the Justice Department wrote: “*Under Title XI, discrimination based on a person’s gender identity, a person’s transgender status, or a person’s nonconformity to sex stereotypes constitutes discrimination based on sex. As such, prohibiting a student from accessing the restrooms that match his gender identity is prohibited sex discrimination under Title XI.*”<sup>106</sup>
36. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) bypassed Congress and ruled that individuals that identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual may bring sex discrimination claims against an employer for “actions” such as a “*person’s non-conformance with sex-stereotypes,*” such as believing that men should only date women and women should only marry men.<sup>107</sup>
37. The Department of Health and Human Services promoted “A Guide for Understanding, Supporting, and Affirming LGBTQ12S Children, Youth, and Families” which “*provides information for educators, human service providers, and allies about supporting the health and well-being of children and youth who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, and/or two-spirit and their families,*” and calls for rainbow flag displays in public schools.<sup>108</sup>

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