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Other media, National Post, Globe and Mail, Toronto Star and Sun News, were only too eager to repeat the erroneous misinterpretation of the interview. Canada's politically correct culture seems to demand that homosexuality be spoken

of only with approval and in positive terms. Because REAL Women was raising questions about Mr. Baird's questionable actions in other countries, the media reacted with fury. This concerted attack by the media on REAL Women of Canada seems to be an attempt to silence and vilify us in an effort to undermine our credibility in order to crush resistance to an anti-life/anti-family agenda. Our job, under this heavy criticism, must not be to retreat, but to carry on.

UGANDA

In October, 2012 at the International Parliamentary Union (IPU) Summit held in Quebec City, Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, John Baird, criticized Uganda, for allegedly persecuting homosexuals. The speaker of the Uganda Parliament, Rebecca Kadaga, was furious with him, stating that her country did not share the same values as Mr. Baird: she accused him of harbouring a colonial attitude towards African nations by interfering in her country's internal affairs (see REALity November/December 2012, page 7).

In January, 2013, in order to facilitate Mr. Baird's demands on Uganda, the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, gave \$200,000 to homosexual groups in Uganda to assist them in resisting the proposed Ugandan law on homosexuality. This funding sets a dangerous precedent: that Canada's taxpayers fund special interest groups in foreign countries in order for such groups to lobby against their governments. To what other



› The Royal Baby Arrives! This cartoon is illustrated by Brian Gable. It first appeared in The Globe and Mail on July 23, 2013.

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countries might Canada also donate Canadian taxpayers' money and for what causes? There is no assurance that Canadian dollars will not be used by homosexual lobbyists in Uganda, as has been done by homosexual lobbyists elsewhere, to work to redefine marriage and family. We have already witnessed how hard lined homosexual lobbyists in Uganda can be.

A gay group, called "Sexual Minorities Uganda", led by activist, Frank Mugisha, launched a lawsuit in the US State of Massachusetts, under Alien Tort Statute, against a US lawyer and evangelist, Dr. Scott Lively, for his daring to speak out against homosexuality while in Uganda. The New York based Center for Constitutional Rights is assisting the Ugandan homosexual activists with this legal challenge. Activists are arguing that Dr. Lively was "aiding and abetting in the commission of a crime against humanity as an international law violations". That is, they are arguing that the US falls under international law jurisdiction on the issue of free speech. This is an alarming conclusion since freedom of speech is a universal right and objection to homosexuality has not (as yet, at least) become a violation of international law. According to Mr. Mugisha, "we want to send a message to other extreme Christians. You cannot come from your country and do this in Uganda. And if you do, we are coming after you." (Homosexual newspaper, Xtra, July 11–August 14, 2013).

RUSSIA

In 1993, Russia decriminalized homosexuality. In 2013, Russia passed a law on protecting children from dissemination of information on homosexuality by which, because of demographic reasons, they hope to encourage heterosexual relationships and the birth of children. This law was not born out of hostility towards persons with same-sex attraction. Rather, it is concerned with protecting the innocence and total well-being of children.

It is an amendment to the law previously passed by the State Duma in 2010 which aims at the protection of children from information harmful to their health and/or development". Besides protecting children from propaganda "promoting non-traditional sexual relationships", the comprehensive law also forbids the targeting of children with pornography, narcotics, alcohol and tobacco products, amongst other harmful influences.

Nothing has changed since Russia decriminalized homosexuality in 1993. The recent legislation is in line with the international law and does not violate human rights in any form. There is no punishment for the acts of homosexuality conducted in private between adults. Russian officials have affirmed that the law does not penalize gay orientation activity. No one is arresting or putting gays in prison there. There are openly gay bars in Moscow and many gays and lesbians are on TV each day.

Mr. Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has caricatured the Russian law on homosexuality as "anti-gay" and characterized it as "hateful, intolerant and mean-spirited". Mr. Baird has

been misinformed. Has Mr. Baird read the Russian legislation?

Russia has passed a law on homosexuality that may or may not be acceptable by western standards (and which, by the way, was also the law, for the most part, of this country until a few years ago). Russia is passing laws which it believes are in the best interests of their country. The Russian law is not a human rights violation.

Canada should not be trying to change the laws of Russia, a sovereign nation, which does not include the death penalty or the jailing of homosexuals, but reflects, according to all news reports, the views of the Russian people. It is to be noted that this law was passed by the Duma (Russian Parliament) with the unanimous support of liberals, conservatives and socialists, all voting together to reflect a consensus in Russia.

Obviously, if a homosexual is attacked in Russia or anywhere, the perpetrator must be charged by police and brought before a court of law.

REAL Women agrees with Mr. Baird when he stated that "being put to death because [homosexuals] are a sexual minority is abhorrent to Canadian values". However, he is being disingenuous because he claims that his efforts in Uganda are directed towards preventing the deaths of homosexual activists, allegedly because they are gay. He specifically referred to gay activist, David Kato, who was bludgeoned to death in that country. However, according to the world press, and Rebecca Kadaga, speaker of the Ugandan Parliament, Mr. Kato's death resulted from his contracting to pay money to a homosexual prostitute. When he failed to pay, he was beaten to death. The prostitute is now serving a 30-year sentence for his crime.

There are 86 other countries in the world, including those in Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia, as well as the Middle East, which do not accept the legislated western view of homosexuality. Can we now expect Mr. Baird, via Foreign Affairs and our tax dollars, to go after these countries for their position on homosexuality? Why does he not go after the great number of injustices that occur in China, or the overt discrimination against women in the Middle East countries and South Asia? By all means we should draw the world's attention to injustices and do what we can through proper channels.

EQUALITY OF RIGHTS

Homosexuals should have the same rights as everyone else. This includes the right to association, thought, speech, religion, property, etc. REAL Women's concern is that, in Canada, freedom of religion and freedom of expression are being denied as a result of homosexual activists, who insist that their rights be given precedence over the rights and freedoms of others. As a result, those who have faith-based beliefs or hold traditional values, are not permitted to express or act on their values, under the threat of being publicly vilified, or losing their employment, or being brought before, and severely punished by, human rights tribunals.

We do not want other countries to experience this injustice. †

ONTARIO DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION CHARGED WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPY

Between the years 2004 to 2009, Ben Levin served as Deputy Minister of Education of Ontario under the lesbian Minister of Education, Kathleen Wynne, who is currently the Liberal Premier of the Province.

During Levin's time as Deputy Minister, a new sex education curriculum, called the Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy (EIES), was developed. According to this curriculum, 6 year olds were to be taught "gender identity" in grade 1, sex orientation and different genders in grade 3, masturbation in grade 6, and oral and anal sex by grade 7.

In a letter, dated April 6, 2009, Mr. Levin stated, "Today, the ministry released its new equity and inclusive education strategy paper, realizing the Promise of Diversity... This province-wide strategy has been a priority for our Minister of Education Kathleen Wynne and me."

This program was introduced in September, 2010. Horrified parents raised such a storm of protest, that the then Premier, Dalton McGuinty, was forced to withdraw the program after two days. Undaunted by this rejection, Premier Wynne, who succeeded McGuinty, announced in January, 2013, that she planned to bring back this controversial sex education program.

In June, 2013, Mr. Levin published an article in the Literary Review of Canada, in which he criticized the provincial requirement that all adults working with children be required to undergo criminal record checks. He claimed that this was a barrier to partnerships between the schools and the communities.

Mr. Levin was so highly thought of by Premier Wynne that she appointed him a member of her transition team in January, 2013. He also sat proudly in a privileged front row spot next to Ms. Wynne, federal Liberal leader, Justin Trudeau,

and Bob Rae, at Toronto's Gay Parade in June, 2013.

Mr. Levin has now been charged with two counts of distributing child pornography, one count each of making child pornography, counselling to commit an indictable offence, and agreeing to or arranging for an indictable offence against a child under 16 years of age. Two further charges were also levied against him for possessing and accessing child pornography.

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN EARLY SEX EDUCATION AND CHILD PREDATORS

It was not by mere chance that Mr. Levin, in his position as Deputy Minister of Education, was promoting the horrendous, early sex education programme for children. There is a purpose behind it. By sexualizing children before they are ready—psychologically, emotionally and physically—children may begin to engage in early sex activity, believing that such sexual activity is normal, acceptable and expected of them. This makes them both vulnerable and an easy prey for sexual predators. That is, children learn from this curriculum that sexual behaviour, both deviant and otherwise, can be carried out without regret, concern or reservation at any time, by anyone, with anyone.

It was only the common sense and intuition of concerned parents in Ontario that stopped this sex curriculum from being implemented. Former Deputy Minister of Education Levin is obviously Premier Wynne's good and trusted friend. It seems they share the same values. One wonders, however, whether Ms. Wynne will now dare to implement her sex curriculum program with a provincial election looming and Mr. Levin's inconvenient arrest.

We'll see! †

SOME MPs ARE DELIBERATELY DECEITFUL



There is an old adage which says, "All is fair in love and war". This extends to politics, as well.

At least, that seems to be the case of homosexual NDP MP, Randall Garrison, (Esquimalt Juan de Fuca, BC), who has carried out a deliberately improper and deceitful campaign to push through Parliament his transgender bill (Bill C-279). When he introduced his bill in April, 2012, he stated that it was based on the Yogyakarta Principles, which he claimed had been accepted and adopted by the United Nations. This statement was completely untrue. The radical and extreme Yogyakarta Principles, a highly toxic document, was drafted in 2006 by a group of self-described "sex experts". In this document, they attempted to redefine gender and to promote governmental and social recognition and protection

for any kind of sexual behaviour, no matter how harmful to the individual and to society. These principles included:

- The elimination of prejudicial or discriminatory attitudes or behaviours which are related to the idea of the inferiority or the superiority of any sexual orientation or gender identity or gender expression;
- The requirement by governments to establish a right to change one's gender at society's cost;
- To seek to prohibit medical or psychological therapy for sexual disorders; and
- The requirement that nations ensure that opinions, expressions and the practice and promotion of beliefs do not violate the rights and freedoms of persons of diverse sexual orientations and gender.

If implemented, the Yogyakarta Principles would interfere with religious rights and freedom of expression by promoting

and accepting unrestricted homosexuality, transgenderism and other questionable sexual behaviours.

Not surprisingly, not one single member of the international community has accepted the Yogyakarta Principles. This hasn't stopped the promoters of this deviant sexual document from continuing efforts to have the document approved. For example, a member from Belgium, along with 13 other co-sponsoring individuals from European nations, recently proposed a resolution to pressure the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) to accept the Yogyakarta Principles. The OSCE is the world's largest regional security organization, formed during the cold war. It includes members of 57 countries from Europe, Central Asia and North America. The proposed resolution falsely claimed that "many parliaments and countries have adopted the Yogyakarta Principles".

No OSCE member spoke in support of the resolution, and it was soundly rejected.

The fact that the Yogyakarta Principles are absolutely unacceptable to every nation has not deterred Mr. Garrison from repeating his lie, that the Yogyakarta Principles, from which he took the definition of "gender identity" in his transgender bill, had been accepted by international law. He repeated this assertion, for example, at the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights December 6, 2012, and he again made this false comment when he appeared before the Senate Human Rights Committee when it was reviewing his bill: he stated that Canada had an "international obligation" to pass his bill. He did so with full knowledge that his statement was untrue, as REAL Women of Canada had advised and verified with the members in both the House

of Commons and Senate that the Yogyakarta Principles had never been accepted internationally.

Mr. Garrison was deceitful in yet another instance in regard to his bill during the debate in the House of Commons when he motioned to remove "gender expression". Mr. Garrison has admitted that he deliberately duped some susceptible Conservative MPs, when he removed the term, "gender expression", from his bill at the request of some Conservative MPs, knowing that "gender expression" would eventually form a part of the actual law by way of the courts. He admitted this on a Canadian gay website, where he proudly revealed his transgender shell game. The homosexual website, "Xtra" (May 30, 2013), stated as follows:

EGALE Canada believes that once the bill is passed and reaches the courts, gender expression can be put back in the bill.

Mr. Garrison is then quoted as stating:

Because, after all, what does gender identity mean if you can't express it? It was a bit of sleight of hand on our part with the Conservatives to say, "If that's the term that bothers you for some reason, okay, we'll compromise at this point". But we're not giving up on the whole queer community.

The Xtra website article can be found at: www.xtra.ca/public/National/Federal_trans_bill_passes_second_reading_in_the_Senate-13650.aspx

Should any reasonable person trust NDP MP Randall Garrison? †

TROUBLE IN TRANSGENDER LAND

Feminists have been shocked and dismayed by the intrusion into their "space" by transgendered males.

Those promoting protection for transgenders would have us believe that, if only those who reject their natural sex were legally recognized, they would lead fully satisfying and fulfilling lives. That is, once churches, hospitals, schools and clinics plus all public locker rooms and restrooms were required to protect those trying to change their gender, with fines for anyone who dares to be so foolhardy as to make even a negative comment about them or create a "distinction" regarding cross-dressers, etc., transgenders would then be content.

But maybe not. There appears to be some trouble in transgender land. The trouble is that lesbians don't regard transgendered males as truly women and refuse to have sex with them. Lesbians take offense, claiming that transgendered males are trying to force themselves on them. They regard transgendered males as female impersonators. The horror

of it. Transgenders, in turn, view lesbians as downright discriminatory just because they may still, in some case, have retained their male genitals.

Planned Parenthood of Toronto, ever willing to encourage sexual activity wherever and with whomever, held a seminar in Toronto on March 12, 2012, open only to transgendered males. The purpose of the seminar was to help these transgendering individuals deal with the problem of lesbians refusing to have sex with them. The seminar was called, "The Cotton Ceiling", the cotton referring to lesbians' customary wearing of cotton underwear.

Feminists have been shocked and dismayed by the intrusion into their "space" by transgendered males, whether in lesbian bars, record companies, spas, festivals and book stores. They regard this as the ultimate in male power-tripping.

Consequently, in Toronto, July 5 to 7, 2013, a feminist group, Radfem Rise Up! organized a three day conference for "womyn-born womyn" at which, according to the transgendered males, there was prominently featured, a number of transphobic speakers. In response, the transgenders

inundated the feminist group's twitter account with adverse comments and planned a physical protest as well. The protest was thwarted by the conference moving to a secret location only hours before it was scheduled to start.

The transgenders then complained to Toronto MPP Cheri DiNovo, the NDP MPP whose bill, "Toby's Act", became law in 2012. It added protection of "gender identity" and "gender expression" to the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Ms. DiNovo declared that same-sex gatherings were illegal under *Toby's Act* and she appealed to the Ontario Human Rights Commission to back up her position legally. If successful, her interpretation of the Act means that any assembly of females, on whatever subject, such as reproductive

rights meetings, Islamic faith gatherings, or lesbian support groups, etc. will be prohibited under her bill. This would also apply to any assembly of males, as well. Somehow one can believe that this was an unintended consequence of the Act!

The Ontario Human Rights Commission's response to Ms. DiNovo's complaint was that it was currently "monitoring" the situation, but that the Commission didn't have a definitive legal position at present since it was still in the process of defining its policy on "gender identity".

Will the Commission untie this "Gordian Knot" by the application of common sense? Naw! As specialists in "hurt feelings", "distress", "alarm", "insults" and "toxic environments", they wouldn't know how to do it. †

CANADIANS REJECT INSTITUTIONAL CHILD CARE



The propagandist machine by child care advocates and the unions (which relish the thought of all those child care workers paying them obligatory union dues), is pumping away without result, trying to gain support for a national child care programme.

The failure of this agenda is partly explained by the May, 2013 poll, carried out by Abingdon Research (www.abingdon.ca), sponsored by the Ottawa based Institute of Marriage and Family Canada.

According to this poll,

- 76% of Canadians indicated that it is their preference that a parent raise children under 6 years of age at home.
- This view applied to Canadians, whether both parents worked and regardless of gender or income, age or the region of Canada in which they live.
- 74% preferred that the child be with a relative or in home-based neighbourhood child care if it is not possible for a parent to care for the child at home. Only 19% of Canadians preferred for-profit [or not-for-profit] day care.
- 61% of Canadians believe that government funding of child care should go directly to parents. At most, only 32% believe governments should provide money to bureaucrats or child care institutions;
- 10% believe the government should expand the public school system so that daycare spaces for all children are provided before or after school.

This is the opposite to the decision made by former Ontario Liberal leader, Dalton McGuinty, when, in 2008, he expanded all-day kindergarten in Ontario. Due to Ontario's heavy debt load, this programme cannot be expanded further.

This poll should also deter British Columbia, which has been under pressure from child care advocates to provide "free" daycare there. For economic reasons, British Columbia is also unlikely to bend to the pressure from these elitists.

QUEBEC'S VIEWS

One of the more fascinating findings from this poll is the attitude of Quebecers toward child care. The province of Quebec is currently bending under the heavy burden of a child care system which costs the province a minimum of \$2.2 billion annually.

According to this poll, 65% of Quebecers are in favour of the government making a direct payment to parents instead of subsidized daycare centres. Studies in Quebec have determined that, despite the skyrocketing cost of child care (due largely to the demands of the unionized child-care workers), the quality of care offered children in Quebec is poor. Only 26% of Quebecers believe that the taxpayer funded daycare system in Quebec is better for a child under 6 years than a parent at home.

PARENTS' VIEWS ON CHILD CARE UNCHANGED

The 2013 poll by the Institute of Marriage and Family indicates that the views of parents over the years on institutionalized child care have not changed.

- In 2000, a Compass poll for the National Foundation for Family Research found that 79% of parents believed that the government should direct money to parents rather than to institutionalized child care.
- In 2004, the Vanier Institute of the Family found that daycare centres ranked a distant fifth choice as a childcare option, with the parents, a grandparent, a relative or a neighbourhood daycare taking precedence.
- In 2005, the federal Liberal government brushed aside the views of parents and attempted to establish a starter \$5 billion national childcare system, which if it had been finalized, would have cost the taxpayer a "modest" \$15 billion annually.

Fortunately, a minority Conservative government took office in January, 2006, and chose, instead, to make direct payments to the parents at a cost of \$2.2 billion annually, in accordance with the views of Canadians. †

STOPPING ILLICIT DRUG USE BY CHILDREN



Mexico is the hot bed of uncontrolled depravity in regard to illegal drug use and trafficking. Its evil tentacles extend into the United States and Canada.

Canadian organized crime, especially in British Columbia, has found that it is unequal in every way to compete with the cruelty and ruthlessness of Mexican drug lords. Those who tried to do so have been tortured in an unspeakable manner and decapitated as well.

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is aware of the drug problems in Mexico and has decided to do what it can to rescue Mexican children from the horrors of the drug wars.

The UNODC recognizes that families form the most powerful protective force in the lives of children and youth. Healthy family relationships prevent children and adolescents from engaging in drug use, trafficking, crime and other risky behaviours.

With this in mind, the UNODC office in Mexico has joined forces with the Mexican giant Television Foundation, the corporate responsibility arm of Mexican TV, in a campaign to foster the family as a protective shield against drug abuse.

Television Foundation and UNODC have created a programme called "Better in the Family" to provide information and strategies for families to cope with common issues young people face, including drug abuse and dependence, health, education, self-esteem and bullying, among other adolescent problems. The campaign offers materials tailored to young people themselves, and to parents, grandparents and teachers. It aims to educate and equip families with good parenting strategies that can increase preventative and protective values.

It has also developed a series of seven radio and television spots to be seen on popular programmes, as well as material for use by print and digital media. These materials include the creation of a drug abuse terminology guide, and the development of new criteria for the prevention of drug abuse in Mexico.

The team of UNODC and the Mexican Television Foundation has learned that evidence based family skills training programmes are the most effective way to prevent substance use among children. These programmes target the whole family and offer skill-building for parents, for the monitoring and supervision of both children's activities and communication as well as setting age-appropriate limits.

The programme has been found to have multiple positive outcomes for children and adolescents, including decreased alcohol and drug use, increased social competence and positive social behaviour, and decreased family conflict. In addition, these programmes have been found to be cost effective.

France, the USA and the European Union have also begun to do promotion and research on preventing child drug abuse by way of developing programmes for training parents and other leaders to protect children from such behaviour.

Canada has also tackled illicit drug use by adolescents. The government of Canada via its National Anti-Drug Strategy, has included a "Prevention Action Plan" which focuses on illicit drug use among young people. This plan provides information to parents, young people, educators, law enforcement authorities and communities. The website is: www.nationalantidrugstrategy.gc.ca

The RCMP has also developed an anti-drug programme for youth called "Canadian Champions". This initiative aims at engaging young Canadians in building a drug-free future. This programme is being distributed to all school boards across Canada. The website is: www.rcmp.gc.ca

These international initiatives are a positive sign in a troubled world. †

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2. Now is the time to become active in the political party of your choice. Join your local riding association so you can have a vote in selecting the party MP candidate for the 2015 election.
3. Please read and share the information in the newsletter. And, many thanks for your financial and prayer support. It is deeply appreciated.

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