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● **Toleration Nation?**

Is tolerance today a “myth,” an ideal beyond our grasp? Tolerance at one time in our history meant the sympathy for or indulgence of beliefs or practices differing from or conflicting with one's own. Simply put, it meant that you could disagree without being disagreeable. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case.

Historically, the cry for tolerance has often been employed by cultural “outsiders” vying for broader societal acceptance. The radical homosexual agenda is a powerful recent example. Employing a tolerance mantra and armed with sophisticated media, cultural and legal strategies, the drivers of this agenda have in a mere span of 15 years successfully moved from a position of relative weakness to becoming perhaps the dominating force of the American cultural landscape. But have they been benevolent with their new found power?

Without question, the greatest threat to freedom in our nation today is the radical homosexual agenda. This isn't just the view of cultural conservatives. In a chilling statement Chai Feldblum, a Georgetown law professor and thoughtful gay activist who drafts sexual orientation legislation said “[W]hen push comes to shove, when religious

liberty and sexual liberty conflict, I'm having a hard time coming up with any case in which religious liberty should win." The relatively new kid on the block of rights –“gay rights”—is a veritable **über right** that destroys anything or anyone in its path, including our nations precious First amendment Rights to freedom of speech and religious freedom. Exhibit A: the mainstream media’s defamation of Carrie Prejean.

Sadly today, tolerance has a very different meaning. The new “tolerance” demonizes, marginalizes and attempts to silence those who would publicly question or oppose the new politically correct “morality.” The concept of shared values, what our founders called the “public welfare” or the “common good,” is being jettisoned and replaced with a radically selfish individualism and moral decadence. We live in a day when increasingly good is called evil and evil is called good. Perhaps true tolerance is an anachronistic “myth.” What is the result of our culture’s tolerance of the radical homosexual agenda? I submit that our tolerance in the end may indeed be our undoing. Like the frog in the pot, we are being boiled to death. I certainly hope to be proven wrong.

An Invitation to An Evening in Tuscany for Friends of the WCLP.

THE WESTERN CENTER FOR LAW & POLICY

invites you to a benefit event

“An Evening in Tuscany”

Saturday, May 30, 2009

5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us at a beautiful villa in the scenic rolling hills of Rancho Santa Fe to enjoy a gourmet *Tuscan* feast.

Featuring:

Ron Prentice, Chairman of Yes on 8/ProtectMarriage.com & CEO of the California Family Council, will share his unique insights on the successful campaign to protect traditional marriage.

Dean Broyles, President & Chief Counsel of the Western Center for Law & Policy, will discuss the WCLP’s growing list of successful legal and policy projects to defend faith, family and freedom.

Bill Griffith, Anchor 10News This Morning & 10News Midday, will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Live Auction, including unique items.

Table Sponsorships: \$240, includes 8 people.

Individual Tickets: \$30 per person.

Please RSVP on or before May 15, 2009 by calling 760-747-4529
or via e-mail to dcarter@wclplaw.org

Thank you for your generous support!

● **You Might be a Redneck, um, I mean, Right Wing Extremist!**

Did you vote “yes” on Proposition 8? Are you pro-life? Do you support 2nd Amendment rights? Are you concerned about our economic future? Do you think secure borders are a good idea? Are you a veteran returning from Afghanistan or Iraq? Do you believe Bible prophecy about the end times? If you answered “yes” to one or more of these questions, you just might be a red neck and a “right wing extremist” according to an April 7, 2009 report released by the Obama administration’s U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The bizarre DHS report acknowledges that the government has “no specific information that domestic right wing *terrorists* are planning acts of violence” (emphasis added). Yet that doesn’t stop the government from using sweepingly overbroad language and implying that otherwise model American citizens who simply disagree with one or more tenants of Obama’s left wing political agenda might also be a right wing extremist and therefore prone to violence. The wildly speculative innuendo and illogic displayed throughout the report is both staggering and ominous. It would *almost* be funny if it weren’t published by the federal government using your tax dollars. But this is no laughing matter. Here’s a link to the recently unclassified DHS report http://images.logicsix.com/DHS_RWE.pdf.

The great irony here is that the Obama administration, which is questioning whether it should call actual terrorists “terrorists,” is now more than willing to imply that Americans who aren’t in political lock step with this administration might in fact be “right wing terrorists.” The report ends by asking that “suspicious” activity be reported to the DHS or FBI. Is your friendly local law enforcement officer or next door neighbor going to turn you in? If you haven’t done so already, you might want to seriously consider removing your “Yes on 8” or “Abortion Kills” bumper sticker before the thought police pull you over and accuse you of being a right wing extremist.

On a personal note, will you visit me in jail?

● **WCLP Encourages Student Participation in the Day of Truth.**

This Monday April 20, 2009, serious Christian middle and high school students all over the country will participate in The Day of Truth. Sponsored and promoted by a coalition of pro-family policy and legal organizations, the Day of Truth was launched in 2005 to

ensure the free speech rights of Christian students to present an opposing viewpoint to those organizations that promote homosexuality in the public schools. The catalyst for the creation of the Day of Truth was the need for a student-led, Christ-centered response to the GLSEN (The Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network) sponsored "Day of Silence." GLSEN's Day of Silence encourages students to remain silent throughout the entire school day as part of their agenda to promote the practice of homosexuality and indoctrinate students to accept homosexual behavior. Legitimate concerns have been raised that this approach may disrupt classroom instruction and waste taxpayer dollars.

Monday's Day of Truth provides students with an opportunity to counter the promotion of the homosexual agenda in public schools and express an opposing viewpoint from a Christian perspective. Participating students are encouraged to wear T-shirts and pass out cards (outside of class time) with the following message:

I'm speaking the Truth to break the silence.

True tolerance means that people with differing -- even opposing -- viewpoints can freely exchange ideas and respectfully listen to each other.

It's time for an honest conversation about homosexuality.

There's freedom to change if you want to.

Let's talk.

In our experience, we have often observed that, in the marketplace of ideas, God's Truth will prevail. In light of that fact, the WCLP is encouraging students to become informed and participate in the Day of Truth. Students should speak the Truth in love by having an honest conversation about homosexuality while at the same time publicly exercising their constitutional right to free speech during non-instructional time. If you or your child is asked by a teacher, administrator, or other person of authority to stop participating in the Day of Truth, please contact the attorneys at the Western Center for Law & Policy immediately.

For more information about the Day of Truth, as well as resources to educate and prepare students to engage their classmates in dialogue on issues regarding homosexuality, visit the Day of Truth website at <http://www.dayoftruth.org>.