

# COMMENTARY

## Homosexuality and Crime: The Hypocrisy of the Gene Wars

The leftist push for national pragmatism threatens the very foundations of American government and society. The drive to make everyone accepting of everything—to find a social justification for every type of behavior—can lead to no other end but an apathetic, valueless,

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Robertson or Pat Buchanan speak out against homosexuality, abortion, bestiality, pedophilia, and other practices for which proponents are now seeking acceptance, they are reviled as Neanderthals. The leftists in the classrooms and in the television studios say that acceptance of these and other previously unacceptable practices is "progressive." But what progress will come from practices which eliminate procreation and often lead to a more immediate death? If these once fringe practices become the norm, there will be nothing to progress towards except the end of the human race.

could not take place because the fears of the radical leftists blocked their way.

The preaching of the social engineers that tolerance and acceptance are the cures to America's social ills has a frightening logic. If we accept all kinds of behavior as socially motivated, or as a product of the perpetrator's culture or heritage, or for whatever other excuse, then we must do away with our criminal code and thereby eliminate criminality. If it is racist to discover a crime gene, then we must do away with the concept of crime so that those who are genetically disadvantaged are not discriminated against for something that is not their fault.

This solution seems ludicrous, but is it? Pro-homosexual researchers have recently put out several studies claiming that homosexuality is a genetic trait. They say that homosexuals' brains are different from heterosexuals' brains and that homosexuals cannot be faulted for their unnatural behavior. The social engineers take these studies as evidence that we should do away with laws which prohibit sodomy, and with our own personal prejudices against those who sodomize others. We must not discriminate against someone simply because he may have been born with a homosexuality gene. What would prevent subscribers to this argument from adapting it to those born with a crime gene, if one were found to exist?

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so that each of them will feel accepted by the class and by society in general. Messenger seeks tolerance of all life-styles, supposedly for the sake of the children.

Other groups are working to indoctrinate students at the collegiate level. Iowa State University recently appointed graduate student to be a liaison between gay

and bisexual students and the University's administration. Tom Owens, who is also a member of ISU's Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance, will coordinate educational and awareness programs on homosexual issues and will "work toward changing discriminatory university policies," according to the Iowa State Daily newspaper. Sadly, the student-run newspaper glowingly endorsed the administration's move. "By improving communication between the gay/lesbian community and society...stereotypes are broken down, along with evils such as homophobia and prejudice that feed on its strength," noted the editorial board in its main editorial of December 2.

amoral, and communistic society wholly dependent on government and unwilling—or unable—to accept self-motivation. But the movement may be undone by its own hypocrisy—if only Americans will realize it and call the social engineers of the left to task for it.

### Intolerance of Intolerance

Perhaps the most hotly debated subject in America today is sexual freedom. Liberal academics and self-styled social engineers tell us that we must accept homosexuality as a viable alternative life-style because it is wrong to inflict personal moral or religious views on others. We are told that we must not discriminate against people who choose to violate the laws of God, nature, and many states just because they choose to have sex with others of the same gender. And we are being told this at younger and younger ages.

"Some women love women, some men love men, some women and men love each other. That's why we march in the [gay pride] parade. So everyone can have a choice." These statements may sound like the typical gay and lesbian propaganda we hear each night on the evening news. Unfortunately, this quote does not come from World News Tonight. It comes from *Gloria Goes to Gay Pride*, one of four books added to this year's reading curriculum for New York's first graders which aims to teach acceptance of homosexuality. That is not just frightening, it's dangerous.

In *Daddy's Roommate*, another of the pro-gay children's books, a recently divorced mother teaches her six-year-old that Daddy and his roommate, Frank, are gay and that this shouldn't bother him because "being gay is just another way of loving."

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How ironic that the writers should choose the word "evil" to describe opposition to homosexuality. The Bible, considered by most Americans to be the divinely inspired word of God—the antithesis of evil—states that homosexuality is "an abomination." The editors must then also consider the Bible to be homophobic and evil.

At many of our nation's colleges and universities, student groups are being forced to accept homosexuals. At California State University-San Marcos, the College Republican club lost University recognition when they refused to sign a non-discrimination statement which included homosexuals as a protected minority. The club had signed a similar policy at the beginning of the year which did not include the sexual orientation clause. The statement, required of all clubs, was amended at the urging of a gay/lesbian club at the university. Christian student groups have come under similar fire at schools with similar policies, often being forced to sign statements advocating policies which go against the very teachings of the book (the Bible) on which their organization is founded.

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### Fear of the Unknown

Not all progress is viewed as good, though, by the ideological Left. When scientists tried to meet at the University of Maryland this Fall to discuss the possibility of genetic factors in crime, the Liberals mobilized to have the conference defunded on the grounds that it might promote racism (see *Campus Report*, September, 1992). This was their reasoning: The title of the conference was to be "Genetic Factors in Crime." This title, the liberals said, could give credibility to the idea that a "crime gene" actually exists. They feel that acceptance of that idea might lead to speculation that blacks carry the gene more often than whites because the proportion of convicted criminals who are black is larger than that of those who are white, and that blacks are therefore more predisposed to criminal behavior. This, they said, would be racist. And with this argument, which they made on cable's Black Entertainment Network, the social engineers were able to convince the National Institutes of Health to withdraw its funding of the conference.

Out of their fear of what might be found, and of what might happen if what might be found were found, the liberals drew a link to racism which is tenuous at best and prevented the conference from taking place. Discussion at the conference might have led to the verdict that there is no crime gene or that continued research was futile. But such discussions

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But there is still hope. The average American is not unintelligent, despite attempts by the liberals of the media and academia to lull them into complacent acceptance of whatever strange practice or theory they put forth. If middle America will rise up and convince the liberals that their drive is not acceptable, if they will tell the professors and the pundits that their politically correct ideas are incorrect, then perhaps our great nation will survive.

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