

What homosexual activists are demanding

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Hundreds of thousands of homosexuals converged on Washington last week for the "Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation March." The media provided supportive coverage linking the gays' cause to civil rights crusades of the past, and portrayed homosexuals as innocents just asking for a fair shake. But even as gays yearn to be counted among the mainstream, their record betrays a lifestyle and agenda far out of line with what most Americans consider normal, decent and just.

Unfortunately, much of the real homosexual agenda—and the realities of "gay" life—remains buried in the homosexual subculture to which the average American is seldom exposed.

Prominent homosexual leaders and publications have voiced support for pedophilia, incest, sadomasochism, and even bestiality.

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No taboo is inviolable. Gay activists routinely call for legally binding "marriage" between homosexuals—even while ridiculing traditional standards of fidelity. In fact, most Americans would be shocked to hear how loosely many gays define "monogamy."

As shown by the following quotations—all taken verbatim from the gay press and gay-authored documents—homosexuals demand that their bizarre lifestyle must be both accepted and legalized.

Much of this dubious agenda will be solidified should homosexual activists succeed in their current fight for acceptance in the U.S. military and passage of a national law that gives gays legally protected "minority" status based on their "sexual orientation."

Gay victories in these areas would put the force of law behind their sexual behavior—effectively forcing others who find homosexuality repugnant to modify **their** views to accommodate gays, all in the hallowed name of "civil rights."

Ultimately, homosexuals seek validation for their way of life—through the manipulation of law and culture. Their cause gains in the eyes of many Americans when it is mistakenly cast as a fight against "discrimination."

Gay activists know that the more Americans know about their real agenda and conduct, the less sympathetic they will be toward their cause. It is easy to see why when one considers the quotations below. Let us begin with some of the demands of the gay organizers of the April 25 "March on Washington.":

"Civil Rights" bill/repeal sodomy laws

"We demand passage of a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender civil rights bill...; repeal of all sodomy laws and other laws that criminalize private sexual expression between consenting adults."

—1993 March on Washington Demand #1. [Note: "Transgender" refers to transvestites (cross dressers) and those who have had or desire sex-change operations.]

Adoptions/redefining the family

"We demand legislation to prevent discrimination against Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered people in the areas of family diversity, custody, adoption and foster care and that the definition of family includes the full diversity of all family structures."

—1993 March on Washington Demand #3

Gay curricula in schools

"We demand full and equal inclusion of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered people in the educational system, and inclusion of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender studies in multicultural curricula."

—1993 March on Washington Demand #4

Multiple partner "unions"

"Legalization of multiple partner unions."

—Demand #46—under the "Discrimination" category—of unofficial draft list of 55 demands first put forth by the organizing committee for the 1993 March on Washington, reported in *Washington Blade*, May 22, 1992.

Pedophilia defended

"NAMBLA's [North American Man/Boy Love Association's] position on sex is not unreasonable, just unpopular..."

"The love between men and boys is at the foundation of homosexuality..."

—Editorial, "No Place for Homo-Homophobia," *San Francisco Sentinel* (one of that city's three main gay newspapers), March 26, 1992.

"The implementation of laws that recognize sexual relationships among youth, between consenting peers."

—Demand #7—under the "Civil Rights" category—of unofficial draft list of 55 demands for 1993 March on Washington, *Washington Blade*, May 22, 1992.

"I think it's something [referring to pedophilia] that is a legitimate area for exploration."

—Sasha Alyson, owner of Alyson Publications, the largest independent gay publishing house, which also publishes *Daddy's Roommate* and the line of pro-gay children's picture books that ignited the "Children of the Rainbow" curriculum controversy in Queens, New York City. Reported in *Lambda Report*, February 1992, based on interview with author.

"How many gay men, I wonder, would have missed out on a valuable, liberating experience—one that initiated them into their sexuality—if it weren't for so-called molestation?"

—Carl Maves, "Getting Over It," *The Advocate*, May 5, 1992, p. 85, in review of *Growing Up Gay in a Dysfunctional Family*, by homosexual author Rik Isensee. Maves is critical of Isensee for concurring with the presumption of "homophobic" society that sexual molestation is always a harmful developmental experience in the life of a child.

"All youth need to be provided with positive information about homosexuality that presents it as a viable adaptation. We

must accept a homosexual orientation in young people in the same manner we accept a heterosexual orientation. Finally, we need to assist gay and lesbian young people in the coming out process and support them in the many conflicts they presently face."

—Paul Gibson, San Francisco social worker and gay activist, "Gay Male and Lesbian Youth Suicide," paper in HHS Task Force on Youth Suicide, January 1989, 3-134.

Boy Scouts to accept gays

"New Jersey's statewide civil rights law prohibits the Boy Scouts from offering valuable services to the public, making use of public facilities, holding itself out as all-American and open to all, and then driving away a young man because he is gay....

"The law clearly says that a large enterprise like the Scouts cannot exclude boys and men from participating because of their race, religion, or sexual orientation."

—Evan Wolfson, attorney for Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the largest homosexual legal group, quoted in Washington Blade, D.C.'s gay newspaper, August 14, 1992.

Wolfson is representing James Dale, a New Jersey Scoutmaster who was ousted from the Scouts when his homosexuality became public. The Blade reports that Dale's lawsuit is requesting the New Jersey Superior Court to invalidate the Boy Scouts' policy, reinstate Dale as assistant scoutmaster in his local troop, and "award him both compensatory and punitive damages."

Train servicemen (and Chaplains) to accept gays

"Institute training for all personnel on the acceptance of homosexual or bisexual personnel in the military. Training shall include didactic and experiential opportunities addressing prejudice, stigma, and discrimination with regard to sexual orientation.... Training programs needed include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Individual, Unit, Service Schools and academies.
2. Chaplains and Medical Corps.
4. [sic] Law enforcement and investigative agencies.
5. Sexual orientation with regards to sexual harassment and equal opportunities."

—Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Military Freedom Project Recommendations for Accepting Homosexuals and Bisexuals into the U.S. Armed Forces, two-page document.

Military draws gays

"Because homosocial environments such as the military contain concentrated numbers of potential sexual partners, search costs for same-sex partners will tend to decline. The number of potential partners is also somewhat higher than for the population as a whole, because the higher search costs of different-sex partners will impel more 'opportunistic homosexuals' [read heterosexuals who engage in gay sex merely to obtain sexual release] to accept same-sex partners instead. As a consequence, bisexuals, gay men, and lesbians might be expected to gravitate toward the military in disproportionate numbers."

—William N. Eskridge, Jr., "A Social Constructionist Critique of Posner's Sex and Reason: Steps Toward a Gay Legal Agenda," Yale Law Journal, October 1992.

Gay "status" equals gay conduct

"...President Clinton has sought to reassure homophobes that he is not trying to ease [military] restrictions on 'conduct.' He stresses that his objection is to treating people unfairly because of their status....

"We should be clear...on the insidious implication of defending a person's right to be gay while abandoning his or her right to act gay.... Freedom that cannot be exercised is no freedom at all. Freedom to be gay requires that we all have freedom to act gay."

"Many in the military seem scared to death of homosexuality, and it is easy to laugh at the pathetic men frightened to shower with those bold enough to call themselves gay. If we are to have any chance at freeing them from their fear, we must insist on everyone's right to gay conduct. That's what the fight is all about."

—Editorial, "Slick Willie's Unbecoming Conduct," Guide magazine (a national gay magazine), April 1993, p. 6.

Clinton ally on Nunn "bigotry"

"Military leaders are fighting to keep ancient apartheid laws on the books and to resist ending 50 years of repression and persecution.... They resort to the same bigoted arguments that have been used for centuries to deny every emerging minority their freedom and equal rights. They sought the cover of legitimacy in Armed Forces Chairperson Sam Nunn.

"Let me be clear about Sen. Nunn.... [This] is not an enlightened man.... Sam Nunn is our George Wallace. He is an old-fashioned bigot who will abuse his power to deny us our freedom. His hatred runs so deep that he is willing to jeopardize the nation's economic hopes in order to deny freedom to millions...."

—David Mixner, long-time friend of and senior campaign adviser to Bill Clinton. Above excerpts are taken from Mixner's March 28 speech at the gay Metropolitan Community Church in Dallas, reported in Outlines (April 1993), a homosexual Chicago newspaper. He reacted with outrage to Clinton's statement in his first presidential press conference that open homosexuals might be limited to holding certain jobs and barred from others, as a compromise for allowing them to serve in the military.

Choosing to be gay

"Remember that most of the line about homosexuality being one's nature, not a choice, was articulated as a response to brutal repression. 'It's not our fault!' gay activists began to declaim a century ago, when queers first began to organize in Germany and England.... One hundred years later, it's time for us to abandon this defensive posture and walk upright on Earth. Maybe you didn't choose to be gay—that's fine. But I did."

—Donna Minkowitz, "Recruit, Recruit, Recruit!" The Advocate, December 29, 1992, page 17. Minkowitz also writes for the Village Voice.

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"But [Simon LeVay's research purportedly showing that gay men's brains are different than heterosexual men's brains], like all such research, is a futile attempt to convince people who intuitively know better that under no circumstances can their children be lured by queer ideas if the urge is not embedded in their brains from birth; nor will husbands be seduced from their wives.

"I have found that even many of my most unbiased friends grow skittish with my homosexual candor—say, kissing my mate—when their children are around. For underneath it all, they too understand that sexually free ideas are infectious and that,

once introduced to the suggestion of same-sex love, their kids might just try it and like it....

"Ultimately...it seems to me cowardly to abnegate our individual responsibility for the construction of sexual desires. Rather, refusing the expedient lie and insisting instead on the right to fulfill ourselves affectionally—in whatever direction our needs compel us, however contrary to the social norm they may be—is both honest and courageous, an act of utter freedom....

"...Many gay activists vacuously continue to rely on sensitizing heterosexuals to the 'native' differences of gays and on encouraging them to accept the 'gay community' as a constitutional minority, innocuously akin to Jews and blacks. But the ruse won't fly...."

—Darrell Yates Rist, "Are Homosexual Born That Way?" *Nation* magazine, October 19, 1992, pp. 428-9. Rist is co-founder of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and a prominent gay author.

Provoke the right!

"What we need to give the Christian right is a solid sock to the jaw—not a whiny plea for forgiveness.

"Tell America how much it can gain by emulating us. How much like Madonna, it already envies us. Be guided by the dream of liberation, not by fear. Provoke the Right."

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Bestiality (sex with animals)

"Moralists condemn sex with animals as disgusting, immoral, and generally horrible. Fortunately it's no longer a crime in a great many places, and nowhere in the United States is it a capital crime.

"We disagree with the moralists. Lots of children looked at and played with the genitals of their pet cats and dogs, and we've heard of more than one who has masturbated his pet dog. Like other inexperienced city dwellers, we may not so readily fathom the mechanics of cow-, sheep- or horse-f-----, but see no reason to condemn it out of hand. We hope it doesn't become the only

sexual contact in a man's life."

—Dr. Charles Silberstein and Felice Picano, *The New Joy of Gay Sex* (HarperCollins: New York, 1992), p. 171.

Gay strategy: Undermine the church

"...We can undermine the moral authority of homophobic churches by portraying them as antiquated backwaters, badly out of step with the times and with the latest findings of psychology.

"Against the mighty pull of Institutional Religion, one must set the mightier draw of Science and Public Opinion (the shield and sword of that accursed 'secular humanism'). Such an unholy alliance has worked well against the church before, on such topics as divorce and abortion. With enough open talk about the prevalence and acceptability of homosexuality, that alliance can work again here."

—Marshall Kirk and Erastes Pill, "The Overhauling of Straight America," *Guide* magazine, October/November 1987.

"Religions need to reassess homosexuality in a positive context with their belief systems.... Religions should also take responsibility for providing their families and membership with positive information about homosexuality that discourages the oppression of lesbians and gay men."

—Paul Gibson, San Francisco social worker and gay activist, "Gay Male and Lesbian Youth Suicide," paper in HHS Task Force on Youth Suicide, January 1989, p. 3-135.

Gay strategy: Desensitize Americans

"The first order of business is desensitization of the American public concerning gays and gay rights. To desensitize the public is to help it view homosexuality with indifference instead of with keen emotion....

"You can forget about trying to persuade the masses that homosexuality is a good thing. But if you can get them to think that it is just another thing with a shrug of their shoulders, then your battle for legal and social rights is virtually won."

—Marshall Kirk and Erastes Pill, "The Overhauling of Straight America," *Guide* magazine, October, November 1987.