

SPECIAL REPORT

HOMOSEXUAL HATE CRIME LEGISLATION: UNEQUAL TREATMENT UNDER THE LAW

Homosexual-instigated hate crime laws punish a person's thoughts and beliefs, and they violate freedom of religion and speech.

October 2005 — Pro-homosexual “hate crimes” language has been attached to the Children’s Safety Act, H.R. 3132. The Children’s Safety Act is designed to protect children from sexual predators. .

The “hate crimes” language, more accurately described as thought crimes language, is titled the **Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act**. It was attached to H.R. 3132 in a stealth move by Rep. John Conyers (D-MI).

The Children’s Safety Act — with the “hate crimes” language — was passed by the House of Representatives on September 14 by a vote of 223-199.

The Children’s Safety Act is supposed to enhance efforts to deal with sexual predators. However, the “hate crimes” language is a direct threat to freedom of religion and speech and will provide special federal protection for homosexuals and cross dressers. The House version included “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” (code for transsexuals, drag queens, and cross dressers).

The Senate is considering similar sexual predator legislation and conservatives worry that this exact “hate crimes” language will be added to the bill.

This “hate crimes” language, if passed, makes homosexuals and transsexuals a protected minority class under federal law.

This amendment will provide increased penalties against a criminal who kills a homosexual than if a criminal kills a father of four who is not part of a federally-protected “class” under federal law.

This is unequal treatment under the law! **All crimes of violence are hate crimes**—and no one group should receive greater protection under the law than another group. The murder of a father should not be treated as less valuable than if a homosexual or drag queen is killed. Homosexuality and cross dressing are behaviors, not fixed unchangeable characteristics like race. These behaviors do not merit federally-protected minority status!

Federal Hate Crime Legislation Interferes With Local Law Enforcement

According to a study published by the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee (July 15, 2003), a “hate crimes” bill sponsored by Sen. Ted Kennedy threatens to undermine and interfere with local law enforcement efforts. (Kennedy is attempting to reintroduce this legislation in 2005.)

Under this bill, every crime that has the potential of being a “hate” crime will be federalized and federal prosecutors will freely intervene in local law enforcement efforts.

As the study noted: “...this legislation risks undermining local law enforcement. In practice, every interracial crime with minority victims will automatically have to be considered a possible ‘hate crime’—as will every crime where the victim is a homosexual, a transsexual, a transvestite, disabled, or a known member of a religion; such consideration will even extend to most crimes in which the victim is a woman. The bill would encourage police to treat victims differently depending on

The Hate Crimes bill will add homosexual behavior and cross-dressing or transsexualism (gender identity) as protected minority classes under federal law.

whether they fit into a special status created by Congress.”

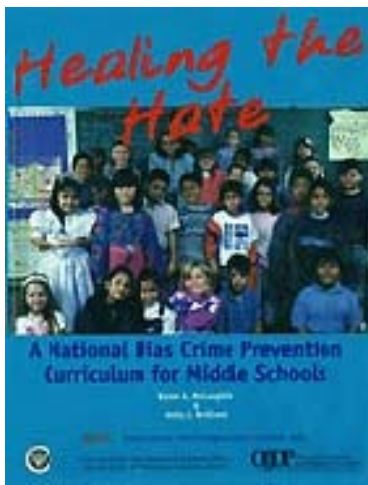
This “hate crimes” language will criminalize the thoughts of those who commit the crime—as well as condemn the moral beliefs of millions of Americans who are critical of homosexuality, cross-dressing, or transsexualism. This legislation puts criticism of these deviant sexual behaviors in the same category as racism, misogyny, and anti-Semitism. According to the Senate study mentioned earlier, “*The bill declares that moral disapproval to be inappropriate and unacceptable. It condemns the religious beliefs of devout Christians, Jews, and*

Muslims who strongly believe in the teachings of their faiths, and it delegitimizes their reservations about homosexuality and unorthodox sexual practices by equating those reservations with the racist views of Nazis or Klansmen.”

Hate Crime Legislation Will Fund Anti-Christian Bigotry

During the Clinton years, TVC exposed the federal government’s use of tax dollars to fund an “anti-hate” (actually anti-morality!) school curriculum. “**Healing the Hate: A National Bias Crime Prevention Curriculum for Middle Schools,**” actually did the following:

- Compared Baptists and Pentecostals to White Supremacist groups.
- Taught children to turn in their parents if they were “bigoted.”



- Defined “prejudice” to include the “bigoted thoughts” of religious organizations. If a church teaches homosexual sex is wrong, you see, the curriculum calls it bigotry!
- Defined a “hate incident” as “harmful words or actions” motivated by “prejudice,” which specifically includes “religious beliefs.” In other words, if you have moral principles based on your religious faith, the curriculum says you’re prejudiced!

Other “anti-hate” curricula we uncovered taught kindergarten children -- **KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN** -- to think bisexuality and sex change operations were normal! These curricula -- blatant propaganda for radical homosexual practice -- were called “age appropriate.” In some twisted minds, you see, if you tell a little child about perverse sex using one-syllable words, that’s “age appropriate!”

Hate crime legislation will provide funding to create more pro-homosexual teaching materials in public schools to seduce children into this dangerous lifestyle—and to vilify Christians or others who oppose the homosexual agenda.

There Is No Epidemic of Hate Crimes Against Homosexuals Or Transsexuals! In the introduction to Ted Kennedy’s hate crime legislation, the following statement is made: “The incidence of violence motivated by the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability of the victim poses a serious national problem.”

(The House version sponsored by Rep. John Conyers also includes gender identity [transgender] language in it.)

Kennedy’s statement is totally inaccurate. Statistics from the FBI indicate there is no serious “national problem” of hate crimes against homosexuals, cross-dressers, or transsexuals. Of



Under hate crime laws, a cross-dresser (shown above) is of more value under the law than a father of four who is killed for his wallet.

those “hate crimes” that are committed on the basis of sexual orientation bias, at least a third of those are listed as “intimidation,” which is frequently nothing more than name-calling.

The most recent FBI hate crime statistics are from 2003. Out of a total of 11.9 million crimes in the United States in 2003, there were only 7,489 reported hate crimes against all categories: race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, etc. (FBI Hate Crime Statistics, 2003, online)

Of that 7,489 hate crimes, 1,430 were “sexual orientation” related crimes. There were six murders; three forcible rapes; 162 aggravated assaults; 446 simple assaults; and 433 cases of intimidation. Nearly a third of these “hate crimes” are intimidation, which is primarily name-calling.

Intimidation is defined by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, as: “...verbal or related threats of bodily harm.” This could be something as innocuous as name-calling and shouting.

Simple assault is defined as: “...physical attacks without a weapon or serious victim injury.” This frequently involves pushing or hitting.

Aggravated assault defined as: “attacks in which the offender uses or displays a weapon and/or the victims suffers serious injury.” (Kevin J. Strom, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice Special Report, September, 2001: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/ascii/hcrn99.txt>.)

From these statistics, it is evident that there is no epidemic of hate crimes directed against homosexuals or transsexuals—and thus no need for legislation to deal with a non-existent problem.

Faked Hate Crimes Create Additional Problems For Law Enforcement!

FBI statistics clearly prove there is no epidemic of “hate” against homosexuals or cross dressers. But homosexuals frequently file false “hate crime” reports in order to push forward the homosexual agenda or for personal gain. The homosexual newspaper, *Washington Blade* (Oct. 21, 2005) reported on a Florida homosexual who set his home on fire to collect the insurance money. He claimed it was a “hate crime” against homosexuals. The *Blade* wrote: “This is not the first incident to get widespread attention as a hate crime, only to be discovered a hoax.” It then listed other examples of homosexual faking hate crimes in order to gain sympathy for the homosexual agenda.

Once homosexuality and transgenderism are given protected federal status as minority groups, we can expect an epidemic of phony “hate crime” claims by troubled homosexuals.

“Hate crime laws create a legal apartheid or a new form of segregation where individuals are separate and not equal under our system of justice,” says Rev. Louis P. Sheldon. Chairman of Traditional Values Coalition. Writing in his new book, *The Agenda: The Homosexual Plan To Change America*, Rev.

Sheldon noted: “Why should someone who kills a homosexual receive a harsher sentence than someone who beats a woman to death while stealing her purse? It’s reasonable to assume that both killers were motivated by violence and hatred.” (Order information: <http://www.traditional-values.org/theagenda.php>.)

25 Reasons To Oppose Hate Crime Legislation

Dr. Robert Gagnon, Associate Professor of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is author of *The Bible and Homosexual Practice: Texts and Hermeneutics*, a brilliant textbook that refutes homosexual revisionism of the Bible has listed the following reasons why we must oppose hate crime legislation (<http://robgagnon.net/Hate-CrimesAmendment.htm>):

1. Large fines and eventually jail time for anyone who publicly speaks out against homosexual activity or transgenderism, even as a minister, if the state determines that one's message arouses people to hate homosexual or transgendered persons. This includes messages that cite Scripture or refer to studies that show higher incidences of promiscuity and disease among homosexually active men.
2. Suspension without pay from one's place of employment and even outright termination if one declares in any way one's opposition to homosexual practice or transgenderism, even if, as a white-collar employee, one makes such a declaration in a "letter to an editor" outside the domain of the workplace; moreover, one will have to pay the court costs of his persecutors.
3. Termination from one's job if one does not support "coming out" celebrations or "gay pride" observances in the workplace, or if one does not attend mandatory "sensitivity" or "diversity" training sessions that espouse acceptance of homosexuality.
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4. Large fines if one owns a business and does not allow GLBT ("gay," lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered) activists to make use of the business's services to advance the GLBT agenda (e.g., if a privately owned print shop refuses to print materials for homosexual advocacy); moreover, having to pay the court costs of the government agency that prosecutes the case.
5. Corporations having to institute affirmative-hire programs for GLBTs as a necessary precaution against potential federal or civil lawsuits for "sexual orientation" discrimination.
6. Forced indoctrination of children as young as kindergarten in the public school systems into the acceptability of homosexual and transgendered behavior and the labeling of their parents' contrary religious views as "bigotry" and "hatred," through required readings, "GLBT studies," and mandatory attendance at special diversity convocations or diversity workshops; also, mandatory "sensitivity training" for all teachers on the value of sexual orientation diversity.
7. Even parochial schools being required to accept "gay prom dates" and "gay clubs."
8. Home-schooled children not being allowed to receive certification if their parents do not teach a curriculum that incorporates appreciation for "sexual diversity."
9. Loss of federal funds, including hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal funds for student loans, for any Christian college or seminary that does not hire homosexually active teachers, or that forbids students to engage in homosexual practice, or that allows a teacher at its institution to speak against homosexual practice.
10. Ultimately, the threat of loss of accreditation for Christian colleges that do not condone homosexual behavior and transgenderism.

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11. Students and employees required to get counseling for the alleged mental health condition of "homophobia" or risk expulsion.
 12. Imposition of national gay marriage by the courts, through appeal to this newly formed federal civil liberties category of "sexual orientation."
 13. Being forbidden by a judge in a separation or divorce settlement from ever speaking against homosexual practice to one's child if one's ex-partner or spouse is openly homosexual.
 14. Having one's child (whether a foster child, adopted child, or, eventually, one's biological child) removed from one's house if the parent opposes the child's declaration of homosexual identity and activity.
 15. Private civic organizations, as well as Christian camps and retreat centers, being fined or shut down if they do not allow their facilities to be used by persons or groups for homosexual activities (e.g., to host a "wedding" by a homosexual couple or for a meeting of a "gay choir").
 16. Fines for any person responsible for a newspaper ad critical of homosexual practice or transgenderism, even if the advertisement merely quotes Scripture; also, fines for the newspaper that prints it.
 17. Fines for any persons with rooms for rent in their home (e.g. a bed & breakfast) if they refuse to rent to a homosexual couple intent on having homosexual sex on the premises.
 18. Mayors taken to court for refusing to declare Gay Pride Days in their cities and being forced to declare such celebrations.
 19. Loss of charitable status for churches that seek to influence their members to oppose pro-homosexual legislation or that refuse to marry homosexual persons.
 20. Fines and/or loss of license for any broadcasting corporation that criticizes, or allows its broadcasting facilities to be used for criticism of, homosexual practice over the airwaves.
 21. Adoption and foster agencies forbidden to give any priority to heterosexual married couples over homosexual couples on the grounds that such priority would be discriminatory.
 22. Refusing the Boy Scouts and Salvation Army the use of public facilities because of their opposition to homosexual practice and transgenderism; moreover, censuring professionals who support such organizations in their private lives (e.g., prohibiting judges from involvement in any organization that "discriminates" on the basis of "sexual orientation").
 23. Banning from university campuses Christian organizations that disapprove of homosexual practice (e.g., Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Campus Crusade).
 24. Making it illegal for members of mental health professions to counsel persons against a homosexual life.
 25. Eventually special civil rights protection for other "sexual minorities" who can claim oppression for their "orientation": 'polysexuals' (those who are in multiple partner unions), participants in adult consensual incest, and perhaps even pedosexuals' (persons sexually oriented toward young adolescents or children).

Dr. Robert Gagnon has published additional information on hate crimes and what the Bible says about homosexuality on his web site: <http://robgagnon.net>. Dr. Gagnon's statement is reprinted by permission.

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