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Redefining Marriage Sign of a Lost Society

One significant development in the recent election was votes in four states approving same sex marriage initiatives. Until now, all previous state referenda to approve same sex marriage – 32 of them - failed.

The Wall Street Journal editorial page – a place where conservatives usually turn for intellectual capital – saw this as cause for celebration.

According to the Journal, marriage definition should come from voters, not from court orders. Americans, they argue, have “shown themselves more than capable of changing their views on gay marriage the democratic way.”

In other words, our definition of marriage should follow process, not principle. Let voters decide.

“As views on gay marriage change, and a growing number of Americans support it, politics will follow. This is how it’s supposed to work.”

I’d guess if I asked the Wall Street Journal editors if the American constitution should be viewed as a “living document” – if our understanding of its words and what they mean should be open to change to reflect attitudes of the moment – they would say “no.”

Liberals think the constitution should be re-engineered every few years like an iPad.

So it is not surprising when liberals, for whom tradition is meaningless, trash once sacred institutions in favor of impulses of the moment.

But it does surprise me when those whose politics are supposedly right-of-center, who view America’s founding documents as sacrosanct and give the highest priority to preserving their integrity, are cavalier regarding the integrity of an institution thousands of years older than our constitution.

But it’s a point of view not uncommon.

In the 1850’s, Stephen Douglas proposed solving the dilemma of whether slavery should be permitted in new states by suggesting that they should just vote. What could be more American than submitting the question of slavery to the democratic process of each state?

To this Abraham Lincoln observed: “God did not place good and evil before man telling him to make his choice. On the contrary, He did tell him there was one tree, of the fruit of which he should not eat, upon pain of certain death....I should scarcely wish so strong a prohibition against slavery in Nebraska.”

Lincoln’s rejoinder to the idea of “popular sovereignty” – that states should vote to determine if slavery would be legal – was that there are core truths – truths that define right and wrong, good and evil - that precede the democratic process.

To reject this premise is to buy into moral chaos. Which is what we are approaching today.

The claim that somehow it is a sign of a healthy, free society that by way of the vote we can re-write our language, our dictionary, our oldest, time-tested traditions is a sign of how lost we are.

Same sex marriage advocates argue that their efforts will save the embattled institution of marriage. But this takes a symptom of the disease and calls it a cure.

As American society has become more self-centered and materialistic, family and marriage have been imploding.

According to the Pew Research Center, in 1960, 72 percent of American adults were married. This dropped to 51% in 2011.

Marriage and family is the pillar of any healthy society. It is the institution through which children are born and raised and through which time-tested truths and values are transmitted from one generation to the next.

To deal with the crisis of the collapse of family and marriage by redefining what they are is the sign of a society losing its way.

Fortunately, America is still a free country. Individuals can make their own choices about how they choose to live.

But taking personal choices to deviate from our social standards of right and wrong, true and false, and decide to change those truths and standards, so that nothing is any longer considered deviant, is a bridge to nowhere.



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Treasury, Labor on path to nationalize retirement

NEW YORK – Two years ago, as WND reported, the Obama administration was proceeding with a novel way to finance trillion-dollar budget deficits by forcing IRA and 401(k) holders to buy Treasury bonds by mandating the placement of government-structured annuities in their retirement accounts..

Remarkably, those financial professionals specializing in private retirement savings and the U.S. citizens investing in private retirement plans now face the possibility the Obama administration and its allies on the political left will impose rules and regulations that effectively abolish the private retirement savings and investment markets.

Recent evidence suggests government officials continue to eye the multi-trillion dollar private retirement savings market, including IRAs and 401(k) plans, eyeing the opportunity to redistribute private retirement savings to less affluent Americans and to force the retirement savings out of the private market and into government-controlled programs investing in government-issued debt.

Government takeover?

An Investment Company Institute study published this month found that U.S. retirement assets totaled \$18.5 trillion at the end of the second quarter 2012, of which 3.5 trillion was in IRAs and \$5.1 trillion was in 401(k) plans.

Since 2010, the U.S. Treasury Department and the Department of Labor have been holding combined hearings on various plans designed to introduce government-mandated retirement plans and investment options, including government annuities invested primarily in U.S. Treasury debt, into the private retirement savings market.

“This hearing was set up to explore why Americans are not saving as much for their retirement as they could,” explained National Seniors Council National Director Robert Crone, describing a recent Treasury-Labor hearing held in the Labor Department’s main auditorium.

“However it is clear that this is just the first step toward a government takeover. It feels like the beginning of the debate over health care and we all know how that ended up.”

Automatic IRA

With the issuance of the White House 256-page Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2013, the Obama administration endorsed “Automatic IRAs,” a plan introduced into Congress in 2010 by Sens. John Kerry, D-Mass, and Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., in which private companies would be automatically enrolled into government-mandated IRAs, forcing those businesses to contribute on behalf of their employees a “default amount” equal to 3 percent of an employees pay, unless an employee specifically opts out of the plan.

The FY 2013 Budget proposal notes that currently 78 million working Americans, roughly half of the work force, lack employer-based retirement plans.

According to testimony given by Davic C. John of the Heritage Foundation to the House Committee on Ways and Means on April 17, most of the 78 million working Americans not participating in employer-based retirement plans are part-time employees of smaller businesses, women, members of minority groups or all three.

The remedy proposed on page 147 of the FY 2012 Budget Proposal is “a system of automatic work-place pensions that will expand access to tens of millions of workers who currently lack plans” by providing their employees with a government-mandated “direct deposit IRA account,” exempting only businesses with 10 or fewer employees and providing participating businesses with tax credits to compensate for the businesses implementing and administering the plans.

While the Automatic IRA would serve the purpose of extending private retirement plans to disadvantaged and generally poorer workers, the innovation would place additional costs upon employers. It would require employer contributions to the plans, even if tax credits fully complemented the businesses for implementing and administering them.

Retirement USA

The Service Employee International Union, or SEIU, a key labor union ally of the Obama administration, has mounted an effort to create government-mandated worker retirement accounts as an entitlement program, with the possibility that a portion of all private retirement funds could be forced into U.S. Treasury debt.

Branding the program “Retirement USA” the SEIU has joined with the AFL-CIO, the Economic Policy Institute, a Washington-based economic left-leaning think tank that receives substantial labor funding, and two other left-leaning interest groups, the Pension Rights Center and the National Committee to Preserve Social Security.

The Retirement USA idea is promote the concept that all workers in the U.S. have a right to a government retirement account that would fund a secure retirement with adequate dollars, in addition to Social Security and private ERISA-retirement workplace retirement programs such as 401(k) programs.

“Our goal is to involve all workers and all employees in a government-mandated retirement program, with the government putting up the difference for lower paid employees,” Nancy Hwa, a spokeswoman for the participating Pension Rights Center, told WND in 2010.

Put simply, the Retirement USA government-mandated workplace retirement account would require by law employers and employees to contribute to a retirement account for every employee and demand that a portion of that contribution go into a federal-government created annuity that would be funded by purchasing Treasury debt.

“Retirement USA is basically an effort that amounts to nationalizing 401(k)s and IRAs,” David John, a senior research fellow at the Heritage Foundation, told WND when the Retirement USA idea was proposed two years ago.

Under the guise of making workplace retirement savings accounts available to all Americans and insuring that existing retirement savings accounts pay lifetime income, the SEIU-led Retirement USA effort is quietly exploring strategies that would create “Universal IRAs” or “Guaranteed Retirement Accounts” for all workers.

Following lead of Argentina

Writing in the London Telegraph in October 2008, business and economics editor Ambrose Evans-Pritchard warned that G7 nations, including the United States, may begin following the path of Argentina in forcing privately managed pension funds to be invested in government-issued debt.

In 2008, Argentine sovereign debt was trading at 29 cents on the dollar, reflecting the devalued state of the Argentine peso, with the result that private pensioners holding government debt in their retirement accounts could not be assured those bonds would have any meaningful value at maturity.

“Here is a warning to us all,” Evans-Pritchard wrote. “The Argentine state is taking control of the country’s privately managed pension funds in a dramatic move to raise cash.”

He warned the same could happen in the United States and Europe.

“The G7 states are already acquiring an unhealthy taste for the arbitrary seizure of private property, I notice,” Evans-Pritchard warned. “It is a foretaste of what might happen across the world as governments discover that tax revenue and the bond markets are unwilling to plug the gap.”

Currently, as reported Friday by the Financial Times, Argentina is facing yet another bond default after U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Griesa ruled that an upcoming payment to holders of the debt-swap bonds Argentina issued in 2005 and 2010 must be accompanied by a payment in full of \$1.3 billion. The payment is to be made to two U.S. hedge fund creditors that did not accept the 2005 and 2010 debt swaps proposed for the bonds Argentina defaulted on in 2001.



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Is America fading into the distance?

During my campaign for the U.S. Senate I spoke about the imminent danger of tyrannical policies that would continue to emerge from the desks of socialist politicians—at every level of government. I also described how, as a consequence of this socialist environment, America could turn into a nation we would one day no longer recognize.

City, county and state governments continue to embrace the socialist United Nations global action plan of Sustainable Development (known as the Agenda for the 21st Century/Agenda 21) which aims to control and make every aspect of our lives “sustainable”—through programs that undermine the traditional family, the private sector and our sovereignty. In addition, Sustainable Development promotes restrictions on population growth, food consumption, land usage and property rights—while allocating taxpayer money for chosen “sustainable” projects and partners. This will lead to a totalitarianism that will advance across America. One such example is California’s Governor, Jerry Brown, and his ruthless reaction towards those that oppose his solar “sustainable” projects:

In an article titled *Solar power plants burden the counties that host them* (Nov.25, 2012) the Los Angeles Times reports:

“Gov. Jerry Brown has vowed to “crush” opponents of solar projects. At the launch of a solar farm near Sacramento, the governor pledged: “It’s not easy. There are gonna be screw-ups. There are gonna be bankruptcies. There’ll be indictments and there’ll be deaths. But we’re gonna keep going — and nothing’s gonna stop me.”

Sustainable Development (Agenda 21) is intensely promoted through regional planning committees—and finds enthusiastic support in the corporate world, through Public-Private Partnerships and programs granting obscene access to taxpayer funds—under the disguise of environmental stewardship. Many (if not all) of these taxpayer funded corporate ‘fellow travelers’ who have entered into Public-Private Partnerships will soon find the government choking their “partnerships”—as more socialist policies are enacted.

As with any socialist initiative, most of the decisions made under Sustainable Development programs are reached through “consensus” amongst an elite few who enjoy their close proximity to politicians in Washington DC and other government bureaucrats—with little or no regard for public opinion or participation. These politicians and corporate ‘fellow travelers’ assume that they know what is best for our future, when it comes to planning and licensing large-scale projects. Much of their activity is veiled, until it is absolutely necessary to present it to the general public. By then—it is too late, as redevelopment and rezoning transform the landscape, as well as the lives of millions of citizens across our nation.

The term “sustainable development” was introduced in 1987 by the World Commission on Environment and Development (Brundtland Commission) headed by Gro Harlem Brundtland, acting as Vice President of the World Socialist Party. The term “sustainable development” was officially presented as a United Nations policy in 1992. The United States joined more than 178 nations, adopting Agenda 21 as official policy at a signing ceremony. President George Herbert Walker Bush signed the document for the U.S.

President George H.W. Bush made the following statement before the United Nations General Assembly on Feb. 1, 1992:

“It is the sacred principles enshrined in the United Nations charter to which the American people will henceforth pledge their allegiance.”

Following President George H.W. Bush’s words, America quickly began to descend into the world of Sustainable Development—even though this initiative has never been approved by the United States Congress. As such, Sustainable Development has been imposed on the American people through years of Executive Orders; however, one must remember that Socialism had been working its way through our nation well before George H.W. Bush. But Sustainable Development gave Socialism the impetus, structure and image it needed not just in the United States—but on a global scale. Sustainable Development is simply a mask for Socialism—and Socialism is Phase One of Communism.

The socialist hostility towards sovereignty and equal protection under the rule of law is palpable in America. In addition, the panorama presented above would be incomplete if we fail to take note of the misguided decision by the Republican governors of Florida, Texas and Wisconsin, who recently rolled out the red carpet for Communist Chinese investors—with the help of George W. Bush. Wining, dining, wooing and entering into business partnerships with Communists on our own American soil is indeed, the growing trend.

We must insist on educating everyone—from the very young to the very old, on the evil presence of socialism and materialistic atheism in our society. There will be stops along the way—where clashes will occur with the overgrowth of destructive ideologies that have taken over our nation—but our courage and determination will help us overcome any fears of the uncertain. We must not sit idly and wait for the enemies of God to deal a mortal blow to our nation.

America may be fading into the distance—but I believe that the last train has not left the station yet. I insist that as conservatives we must not be pressed into the farthest corner. We have the power to benefit society, as we ought—by teaching that the basis for all public policies should not rest on ambiguous catch phrases or socialist ideology, but rather on the Commandments of God and on the Natural Law— which binds all men, for all times and in all circumstances.

I have boarded the last train to save America. Have you?



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An Angry Black Man

Returning home after two months on the road touring the country singing, speaking, writing and campaigning to defeat Obama, I felt similar to a heartbroken soldier after losing a war. I trust God, but in all candor, I felt emotionally drained.

Shopping for salad stuff in Walmart, I focused on a sign “Gold Bell Peppers \$1.68 each”. To my surprise, I

became extremely angry. As absurd as it sounds, \$1.68 for one bell pepper was the straw that broke the camel’s back. It epitomized my frustration and anger over the idiocy of Obama voters. Why in the world would they allow Obama to continue destroying our country?

Food and gas costs continue to sky rocket. Obama’s war on domestic fuel, business and the rich kills jobs. He has tripled our national debt. And yet, according to exit polls, 52% still believe our poor economy is Bush’s fault.

An idiot relative said, “I voted for Obama because Romney will make us all Mormons.” A yahoo said, “I voted for free healthcare”. News flash knucklehead, healthcare “ain’t” free.

Thank God Christmas is over a month away. I need time for God to give me the grace to forgive my black family. I am furious and extremely disappointed in them for voting skin-color over Christian principles.

I feel like saying, “Don’t tell me about your commitment to Jesus Christ ever again. I don’t want to hear it!”

I will not apologize for my anger because mine is a righteous anger. Evil appearing to triumph should make one angry. Jesus was angry when He turned over the tables of the money changers in the temple.

The Bible says, “Be angry, but sin not”. Thus, I will not tell-off my family and I forgive them. But, I think it best that I not be in their presence or take their phone calls for awhile.

Like millions of Americans, my heart is broken for my country. Years of liberals indoctrinating our kids K thru college and liberal bias in the media have created a wasteland of dumb-down idiot voters. Far too many Americans are clueless to the greatness of our republic and the extraordinary cost and value of freedom which is our God given birth-right.

I am angry over the willful ignorance and racism of black America. During an interview on the “Inside Detroit” radio program, I informed black liberal host Mildred Gaddis that gas was \$1.84 when Obama took office. Mildred rejected this fact. I begged her to research it. Mildred said you can not believe everything on the internet. Mildred also rejected the truth that Obama supports abortion and that half of black babies are aborted. Mildred rejected various easily confirmed truths about Obama’s destructive leadership – I am talking willful ignorance. As far as Mildred and her listeners were concerned, Obama’s skin-color automatically made him worthy of their vote.

I am outraged regarding the blatant voter fraud in states where a photo ID was not required to vote. More disappointed than angry, I was shocked to learn that Romney got 3 million less Republican votes than John McCain. After four years of Obama’s tyranny, I assumed Republicans would crawl across broken glass to vote against Obama regardless of our candidate.

Since the election, I have avoided much of the media. I could not stomach the left spiking the football or weak-kneed conviction-less pandering from our side. Decisions made in panic or fear are always unwise. Better to wait until the dust clears rather than making new fear-based policy statements.

I still believe pedal to the metal Conservatism works every-time it is tried. Why? Because unlike Liberalism, Conservatism speaks to the higher nature of the human spirit and is best for all. Pure and simple.

Yes, there will always be those who want a free-ride. Jesus said the poor you will have with you always. No one is against a safety-net for those truly in need. When the virtues of Conservatism are boldly articulated, they win in a landslide as per Ronald Reagan.

Beyond the catastrophic economic issues, Americans cried when Obama won reelection because of the death of an ideal. This evil dictator appears to have transformed America from being a shining example of the virtues of a free society into a nation of deadbeats in which class envy and government dependency rules. So yes, I am very angry.

Here is the good news. I am witnessing a new heightened resolve in patriots to fight harder than ever to turn our country around. We are in a culture war and more and more are beginning to realize it.

So I will suck up my anger, trust God, rest in His peace and continue doing my part in the battle to restore America.

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