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Marvel Studios Boss Promises “LGBT” Characters in Future Films

We don't know if they'll have a “gay ray” or be able to close down a Christian bakery in a single bound, but Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) films may soon feature two “LGBT” superheroes. Marvel Studios head Kevin Feige made this promise in a recent interview, because, as we all know, portraying anomalous sexuality all the time, everywhere, is a modern American imperative. As *Bustle* reported June 25:

Now that the MCU has completed its first three phases and released 19 superhero movies, it's time for a change. The lack of LGBTQ heroes has long been criticized, and the Disney-owned Marvel Studios has heeded those critiques. In an interview with *The Playlist*, Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige revealed that at least two LGBT characters will join the MCU. The always hush-hush studio didn't quite name who those heroes would be, but Feige did reveal that the LGBT heroes won't all necessarily be added to the MCU as new characters. When asked who the LGBT characters would be, Feige said, “Both [characters] you've seen and ones you haven't seen.”

Some say, however, that Feige may be all talk and no action. As LifeSite reported June 27, in “2015 he told Collider that audiences could expect to see a homosexual, bisexual, or transgender character sometime within the next decade.... However, whether Feige's words signal a sincere desire to add LGBT messages to the movies, or are merely meant to appease disgruntled LGBT activists, remains unknown.... ‘Never EVER believe anything that #KevinFeige says,’ entertainment journalist Grace Randolph said Monday.... ‘He says yes to everything he's ever asked because he doesn't want any negative coverage.’”

Hollywood seems reluctant to promote homosexuality as overtly on the silver screen as it does on TV: It may be wary of alienating the Chinese, who boast a huge market and may ban films with sexual-devolutionary content. Yet the home front could be an issue, too, as “domestic audiences may be increasingly wary of ‘representation’ in their entertainment,” LifeSite also informs.

Supreme Court: Unions Can't Collect Dues From Nonmembers

On June 27, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 5-4 ruling, delivered a stinging defeat to public-sector unions, when it held that government workers cannot be compelled to pay dues to unions that represent them in collective bargaining. The ruling (*Mark Janus v. AFSCME*) overturned the *Abood* decision of four decades past, which had allowed states to require public employees to pay agency fees or dues — money supporting collective bargaining and other union activities.

President Donald Trump was quick to sing the praises of the decision, calling it a huge loss for the Democratic Party: “Supreme Court rules in favor of non-union workers who are now, as an example, able to support a candidate of his or her choice without having those who control the Union deciding for them. Big loss for the coffers of the Democrats!”

Associate Justice Samuel Alito wrote the majority opinion, in which he said, “We conclude that this arrangement violates the free speech rights of nonmembers by compelling them to subsidize private



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speech on matters of substantial public concern.”

The case was brought by Mark Janus, a childcare specialist in the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Child Support Services. Janus refused to join the union because of his opposition to “many of the public policy positions that [it] advocates, including the positions it takes in collective bargaining,” Alito wrote. He added that Janus believes that the union’s “behavior in bargaining does not appreciate the current fiscal crisis in Illinois and does not reflect his best interests or the interests of Illinois citizens.”

The effect of this ruling cannot be overstated. While only 6.5 percent of employees in the private sector are unionized, 34.4 percent of public workers are. Removing the requirement that these government employees pay tribute to a labor union that supports the political party most associated with expanding the size and scope of government — the Democratic Party — removes a significant source of income for these unions, the liberal causes they support, and the political fortunes of the Democratic Party.

Deep State Agenda Exposed at Red Pill Expo

The agenda and many of the schemes of the now-infamous “Deep State” were exposed to a wide audience June 21-23 at the Red Pill Expo in Spokane, Washington. At the conference, which brought together dozens of experts across multiple fields, about 500 attendees from all over America and beyond enjoyed a packed two-day schedule offering all sorts of “red pills.” The term “red pill,” referencing a scene from the 1999 film *The Matrix*, has become a phrase indicating something that wakes a person up from their ignorance.

And there were red pills aplenty at the event, including many offered by high-profile speakers. Speakers included Robert Kiyosaki, best known as the author of *Rich Dad Poor Dad*, who pointed out that the Federal Reserve System is ripping off the American public; Lord Christopher Monckton, who gave a technical talk outlining new findings on climate change that fully discredit the United Nations’ global-warming alarmism; Tom DeWeese of the American Policy Center, who highlighted the establishment’s war on property rights; Gun Owners of America Executive Director Emeritus Larry Pratt, who explained the threat to constitutionally protected gun rights; Major General Paul Vallely, U.S. Army (Retired), who spoke on national-security issues; author and researcher Trevor Loudon, who exposed communists within Congress and the federal government; and university professor and K-12 FreedomProject Academy chief Dr. Duke Pesta, who exposed the insanity taking place on college campuses.

Author and speaker G. Edward Griffin, a key figure in the liberty movement and the founder of Freedom Force International, which created the conference, considered the event a great success. “The Red Pill Expo-2018 featured an unprecedented unmasking of the Deep State that we believe will provide a clear understanding of the growing threats to liberty, not only in America, but around the world.... Our goal now is to build on our tremendous success at the Expo and encourage ever larger numbers of those who know that something is wrong in our world to take the ‘red pill’ and join with us in this epic undertaking” he told *The New American*.

Bloomberg May Run for President in 2020

He’s known for soda fights and opposing gun rights, and now he (once again) wants to be president, say sources. This intrepid nanny-stater is billionaire ex-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. As *New York* magazine reported June 26:



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According to a New York CBS affiliate, Bloomberg has told associates that he is “revving up” to make a bid in 2020. But this time, there’s a twist: He’d be running as a Democrat.

Bloomberg has contemplated running in 2008, 2012, and 2016, and whether he’s serious this time is anyone’s guess. But the *New York Post* reported that, at a recent fundraiser at Cipriani 42nd Street — Bloomberg’s natural habitat — he told an adoring crowd, “Before you leave I want to get your cell-phone number because I’m thinking of getting the band back together.”

Bloomberg was a Democrat before he switched to the Republican Party to run for mayor in 2001; he then became an Independent in 2007, during his second term. He has long been a liberal on issues ranging from gun reform to climate change, and has drifted back toward the Democratic Party as the GOP has grown increasingly reactionary [read: anti-establishment], speaking at the Democratic National Convention in 2016 and announcing this month that he would pledge \$80 million to back Democratic candidates in the midterm elections.

Bloomberg’s motivation is, partially, Donald Trump. As CBS2 noted June 26, “A source close to the former three-term mayor says the move is fueled in part by regret that he didn’t stay in the race in 2016, because he feels he could have either won outright or prevented Donald Trump from winning.” One asset Bloomberg has, other than \$51 billion, is that he’s a flaming leftist who knows how to transcend party lines. In fact, changing political affiliation like clothes, he could be called transparty.



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