



Mr. Obama's Disingenuous (and Disturbing) Proclamation

If there were any need to further establish the radical and reckless vision for America embraced by the man who presently inhabits the White House, one need look no further than his proclamation declaring June 2010 as "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month." This is the second year Mr. Obama has made the proclamation honoring a group of individuals based on nothing more than their sexual proclivities, following the lead of his Democratic predecessor Bill Clinton. President George Bush passed on this politically motivated opportunity.



Repeating the established socialist mantra that all Americans (by which he means select groups residing within America's borders) "deserve the same rights, privileges, and opportunities," Mr. Obama declared that one "important chapter" in America's "great, unfinished story" of forced equality is the ongoing efforts to normalize homosexuality by any means necessary. "This month, as we recognize the immeasurable contributions of LGBT Americans, we renew our commitment to the struggle for equal rights for LGBT Americans and to ending prejudice and injustice wherever it exists."

That commitment on the part of the President has included, among other efforts, pressing to repeal the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and to overturn the 1993 "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" law prohibiting homosexuals from serving openly in the military, a goal he came a step closer to realizing in late May when both the Senate Armed Services Committee and the full House of Representatives voted to repeal the law.

The President also emphasized his commitment to ensuring that homosexuals have a federally enforced right to work wherever they want, that homosexual federal employees and their partners receive full and unfettered benefits, and that same-sex couples are free to adopt — regardless of the impact their lifestyle might have on the children they raise.

Mr. Obama noted the strength America derives from its diverse peoples, "with each of us contributing to the greater whole." Included in that diverse grouping, the President insisted, is the broad category of homosexual activists gathered under the LGBT umbrella, whose members "have enriched and strengthened the fabric of our national life."

Among those who paused at the President's connection of sexuality with substantive accomplishments was Joe Carter of the Institute on Religion and Public, who wondered if Mr. Obama might explain "how bisexuals — because of their bisexuality — have enriched America and how transgendered — because of their transgendered orientation — have strengthened the 'fabric of our national life.' In other words, maybe he could explain why alternative forms of 'gender identity or sexual orientation' are something we should celebrate at the national level."

The truth of the matter is that a myriad of individuals have made enormously important and enriching contributions to society in general and to America's unique culture specifically. Some of those



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individuals were, no doubt, homosexuals. But their sexual practices had nothing to do with their contributions. As Laurie Higgins of the Illinois Family Institute pointed out, “the sexual impulses and sexual behavior of homosexuals and cross-dressers are irrelevant to their contributions. Therefore, making irrelevant characteristics the central focus of ‘Pride’ month as Obama did is absurd.”

Higgins noted that, in fact, the LGBT characteristics Mr. Obama uses as a measuring stick are, to a majority of good Americans, “disordered and immoral.” Writes Higgins, “Those who experience, for example, selfish, vain, greedy, gluttonous, deceitful, promiscuous, incestuous, sadistic, pederastic, gossipy, philandering, or polyamorous impulses, and engage in behaviors impelled by such impulses have also contributed to society. How would Americans respond if the President were to proclaim June ‘Polyamory Pride Month’? Substituting another irrelevant and morally questionable characteristic for homosexuality brings into sharper relief the dubious nature of Obama’s proclamation.”

Obviously, people who engage in immoral and dysfunctional behaviors — including those who fall under the LGBT label — are also responsible for many of the good things that happen in our world. But to use that behavior as the foundation for honoring a group of people is patently disingenuous, done for no other reason than to try to convince Americans to celebrate and embrace behavior and a lifestyle that has been considered immoral and repugnant throughout the history of our civilization. That is what Mr. Obama has attempted with his LGBT proclamation.

He is, writes Higgins, “using his power, his position, and this proclamation to make a fallacious association between good deeds and homosexuality. It is an exploitative stratagem to normalize homosexuality. Associate homosexuality with something positive like creativity, compassion, or self-sacrifice, and eventually the good feelings society has for creativity, compassion, or self-sacrifice will be (irrationally) transferred to homosexuality or cross-dressing.”

It is a sad commentary on the slide of our culture that sexual depravity is now used to define a recognized minority in America. That our President would embrace such an arbitrary minority for political gain is sadder yet. And that few individuals are willing to risk the persecution and backlash that will come with standing boldly against such a destructive agenda is downright alarming.

Photo: President and Mrs. Barack Obama hosted a reception for Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Pride Month in the East Room of the White House on June 29, 2009: AP Images



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