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## **Buttigieg's Candidacy Advances Secularist Leftist Goals**

The adoring leftist mainstream media in the United States has clearly anointed South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg as one of their favorites, deluging the American public with uniformly favorable coverage of him as he considers a bid for president of the United States.

Buttigieg is an openly gay man, and he used the platform of the LGBTQ Victory Fund National Champagne Brunch in Washington, D.C., to launch an attack upon Vice President Mike Pence, a devout Christian who has long opposed same-sex marriage. Pence is a former governor of Indiana.



"My marriage to Chasten [his "husband"] has made me a better man and yes, Mr. Vice President, it has moved me closer to God." Buttigieg left the Roman Catholic Church to join the Episcopal Church, which is more accepting of homosexual relationships and has generally drifted leftward as a denomination over the past several years.

While the Bible, considered by many Christians as the inspired Word of God, clearly considers homosexual behavior a sin in both the Old and New Testaments (the apostle Paul wrote in Romans 1:26-27, "God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature. And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error."), Mayor Buttigieg disagrees with the view that involving oneself in homosexual behavior is a choice. He contends that God made him a homosexual.

"I can tell you, that if me being gay was a choice, it was a choice that was made far, far above my pay grade," Buttigieg told the approving audience. "And that's the thing I wish the Mike Pence's of the world could understand, that if you have a problem with who I am, your problem is not with me. Your quarrel, sir, is with my Creator."

Buttigieg added, "If you had offered me a pill to make me straight, I would have swallowed it before I could get a sip of water." But, after being deployed to Afghanistan in 2014, Buttigieg told the LGBTQ group that he decided to publicly address his sexuality during his mayoral reelection campaign in 2015. His reason, he explained, was not for some political purpose, but rather to let fellow homosexuals know that he was one of them, so he could start dating.

He promises that if he were elected president in 2020, he would immediately push for a Federal Equality Act. "The struggle is not over when states like my home state of Indiana don't even have hate crime legislation. The struggle is over when in so many parts of the country it's perfectly legal to fire somebody because of who they are and who they love. It must change."

Buttigieg also took issue with President Donald Trump's decision to ban transgender service members in the military. "The struggle is not over when transgender troops have their careers threatened with

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ruin one tweet at a time by a commander-in-chief who he himself pretended to be disabled in order to get out of serving when it was his turn," in a dig at Trump's deferments over bone spurs during the Vietnam War.

Perhaps the biggest question about Pete Buttigieg is not his same-sex marriage, but why would a mayor not only consider running for the White House, but actually be taken seriously. After all, South Bend is a city of only a little over 100,000 people. Even New York City mayors such as John Lindsey and Rudi Giuliani received very little traction in their presidential bids, despite being actual chief executives of a city with a larger population than most states. Not only does the left-leaning media offer no skepticism in regard to a mayor of a relatively small town running for president, they treat him like he is a cross between a rock star and a heavyweight contender.

Certainly his political views are very liberal. In contrast, one can assume that were a strongly conservative mayor to jump into the presidential race, he would be either ridiculed or ignored by the national media. Buttigieg is for universal healthcare and universal background checks for firearms, is a devotee of environmental causes, and is a supporter of DACA. But considering that those are more or less boxes to check for any Democratic presidential candidate in this election cycle, one would think a mayor of South Bend could not possibly be mentioned in the same breath as senators and governors.

But he is, with the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Huffington Post*, *Newsweek*, *The Atlantic*, CNN, ABC, MSNBC, PBS, and the rest of the usual left-wing media suspects all lauding him in no uncertain terms. CNN's editor-at-large Chris Cilizza even called Buttigieg "the hottest candidate in the 2020 race."

A generation ago, Buttigieg's sexual preference would have been regarded as a political liability. Now, however, it is considered a positive qualification. The Left understands that evangelical Christianity and traditional Catholicism to be the enemies of their goals of a top-down collectivist society. As such, a candidate such as Buttigieg, even if he does not actually capture the Democratic Party nomination, provides yet another way to undermine the foundations of American society.

And young Buttigieg has the appropriate leftist resume. His father, the late Notre Dame Professor Joseph Buttigieg, was a disciple of Antonio Gramsci, the Italian communist theoretician that Marxists the world over look to for guidance in waging the continuing war on Christian culture. The Gramscian strategy was for the Left to capture the media, academia, churches, the entertainment industry, and the rest of the popular culture.

Pete Buttigieg is Rodel Fellow of the Aspen Institute, a globalist-minded institution funded by foundations such as the Carnegie Foundation, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, and the Ford Foundation. A graduate of Harvard, Buttigieg was also a Rhodes Scholar, and later an intelligence officer in the U.S. Navy. When younger, he won an award for a laudatory essay he wrote on socialist Bernie Sanders.

The family and Christianity are pillars of a free society, and Buttigieg's candidacy — in more ways than one — provides yet another way to attack them both.

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