NAVY'S DRAG QUEEN STAR DRAWS FIRE

The decision by the Navy to feature a drag queen as a recruitment model impelled Catholic League president Bill Donohue to write a strong rebuke to General Mark A. Milley; several others were copied.

May 4, 2023

Dear Gen. Milley:

News stories abound about the decline in enrollment in the armed forces, yet conditions worsen by the day. I am at the point where I don't believe there is a sincere effort to increase the troop level. Indeed, I believe that there are some in high places who have their own agenda.

I am writing because of the latest scandal in the armed forces. The Navy is featuring a drag queen, a man dressed as a woman, to recruit new members. He misidentifies himself as "non-binary."

It does not matter that this is a pilot program—the Navy would never allow a pilot program featuring a white sailor in black face. Everyone knows what's going on. That this is happening in the wake of the Bud Light catastrophe makes me wonder whether the elites in the armed forces live in the real world.

A Navy spokeswoman is quoted as saying that this effort is being undertaken "to reach a wide range of potential candidates as the Navy navigates the most challenging recruiting environment it has faced since the start of the all-volunteer force."

That person is either stupid or lying. We all know why the Army, Navy and Air Force missed their recruitment goals by the

thousands this year; the Marines held steady. It's because these branches have adopted the policies of the far-left, the woke brand of politics. As such, they have gone off the rails, alienating millions of Americans. If someone sought to deliberately sabotage the armed forces, he could not do a better job.

With regard to the Navy, what normal man or woman would want to join an organization that hires the mentally challenged, or worse, to recruit new members? As I indicated, this is not an accident.

We are being played, plain and simple. What has happened to the armed forces? Do you think real men buy into this insanity?

Catholics are overrepresented among those in uniform. As president of the nation's largest Catholic civil rights organization, and as an Air Force veteran, I am outraged that this morally debased campaign has taken place.

Please get back to basics and stop with these deliberate efforts to politicize the armed forces. Trying to sexually engineer our troops is bad enough, but to express shock that recruitment levels are down—when drag queens are used as model recruiters—is insulting and offensive.

You are in a position to affect change. Please seize this moment.

Sincerely,

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Gen. David H. Berger, Commandant of the Marine Corps

Rep. Mike Rogers, Chairman, House Armed Services Committee Rep. Adam Smith, Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee

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WHERE IS THE NASHVILLE MANIFESTO?

On March 27, Audrey Hale, a 28-year-old female (who misidentified herself as a male), shot and killed six innocent people in Nashville, Tennessee. The local police said she was planning the attack "over a period of months," and that she had studied other mass murderers. They emphasized that the attack was "calculated and planned." Importantly, they found a manifesto that laid bare her thinking.

The Nashville police said they would make public the manifesto as soon as their investigation was completed. They have not done so. All they have said is that the Christian school, Covenant School, and the church, were targeted; she once attended Covenant. "There's some belief that there was some resentment for having to go to that school," said Police Chief John Drake.

So where is the manifesto? Who's holding it back? What's driving this decision?

According to Rep. Tim Burchett, a Republican from Tennessee, it's not the cops who are balking—it's the FBI. Furthermore, Nashville Council member Courtney Johnston has said the FBI has already said it would not authorize the release of the

manifesto in its entirety.

This smacks of politics. It stinks to high heaven.

We know that media outlets, such as NBC, have tried to evade any mention of the transgender status of the mass murderer. We know that Jordan Budd, who runs Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, has said, "It [the manifesto] should not be published." We know that some transgender activists have threatened violence. Is this what the FBI is giving in to?

Criminal justice professor Joseph Giacalone opines that the FBI is afraid that "there is something in there [the manifesto] that is truly damaging for the transgender community," and that "they are hesitant to do it because they are afraid of a violent backlash against that protected class of people."

He's right. But that does not justify censoring the manifesto.

The public has a right to know what motivated Hale. If she indeed was an anti-Christian bigot, as many sexually confused people are, then we need to know it. Quite frankly, there is a violent element in transgender circles, and Christians need to know if others are also targeting them. Hale may have operated alone, but was she inspired by hate speech voiced by transgender activists?

If the manifesto were made public, and innocent transgender persons were threatened or attacked, the guilty should be arrested and punished. But this is no excuse for not being transparent.

Unfortunately, Christians, especially Catholics, have reason to worry about the top brass in the FBI. After first monitoring traditional Catholics who prefer the Latin Mass, we recently learned that the agency was spying on mainline Catholics. We also have to ask tough questions. Given this situation, are we to believe that if a crazed Catholic were to blow up an abortion clinic, killing six people, and law enforcement found a manifesto detailing his motive, that the FBI would censor its release? Or would it be more likely to make it public?

The ruling class is increasingly becoming the enemy of the people. We need one standard of justice for everyone. And that means, among other things, that Hale's manifesto must be made public in its entirety, and with dispatch.

SUPREME COURT TO RULE ON OUR CASE

The Supreme Court is expected to rule in June on a very important religious liberty case; we filed a friend-of-the-court brief.

At issue is whether Colorado law can force someone to violate his sincerely held Christian beliefs on the subject of marriage. Lorie Smith is a web designer who filed suit against a law that would require her to design a website that heralds gay marriage. She has never denied her services to homosexuals, but she insists that to celebrate gay marriage is an infringement on her free speech rights and her religious rights. We obviously agree.

Representing the Catholic League is the Pittsburgh firm of Gallagher Giancola. We have accessed the services of Kathy Gallagher and Russ Giancola before, and have never lost.

The Supreme Court's ruling will impact similar cases in 22 states, including multiple states with pending lawsuits in the

lower courts. Currently, there is great confusion over this issue. When the high court ruled in the Jack Phillips Masterpiece Cakeshop case in 2018—he refused to make a wedding cake for a gay "married" couple—he won, but on a technicality. What happens in our case will affect him as well (he was sued again).

Lead counsel in this case, fighting for Smith, is the Alliance Defending Freedom, an outstanding law firm on our side. The Biden administration, the ACLU and other left-wing entities are on the other side.

Freedom of speech and freedom of religion are two of the most important rights we have as Americans. But left-wing sources are increasingly determined to weaken these rights, and this includes organizations that falsely claim they support them, such as the ACLU.

We hope to report in the July/August edition of *Catalyst* on the Supreme Court's ruling.

TRANS PERSONS ADMIT TO MENTAL DISORDERS

One of the most significant findings in a recent survey by KFF/Washington Post on transgender persons is not even discussed in the Washington Post (WAPO) news story on the poll.

The 2517-word story, published May 5, covers just about every aspect of the 26-page survey except for the issue of mental health. It is hard to believe this was an oversight.

(The survey calls transgender persons "trans" for short; this

explains the adoption of this term in this account.)

- When asked about their childhood, 81 percent of all adults surveyed said it was either a very happy or somewhat happy time; only 53 percent of trans respondents answered this way.
- Only 13 percent of adults said that growing up as a child or teenager they had an alcohol or drug use problem. The figure for trans persons is more than double, 29 percent.
- When it comes to serious mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety, 32 percent of adults said they had such problems growing up. For trans adults the number is an astonishing 78 percent.

Respondents were asked how often they felt in the past 12 months about several emotional conditions. Here are the results.

- Lonely: 21 percent of adults answered always/often; 45 percent of trans answered this way.
- Hopeful: 50 percent of adults reported always/often, but only 29 percent of trans felt this way.
- Depressed: 22 percent of adults admitted to depression, but almost half, 48 percent, of trans confessed to being depressed.
- Anxious: The figure for adults was 31 percent; for trans, it was 56 percent.
- Happy: 59 percent of adults said they were happy, but only 40 percent of trans said they were.

When trans persons were asked about abnormal behaviors, the results were predictable.

- Engaged in self-harm: For adults, the number is 3 percent; it is 17 percent for trans.
- Suicidal thoughts: 16 percent of adults, and 43 percent of trans, said they thought about killing themselves.

Why didn't WAPO mention any of this in its news story?

The conventional wisdom, as entertained by elites, is that any mental health problems that trans persons have is a result of discrimination. But that is not what the survey suggests.

- When those who identify as trans were asked if they had ever been refused health care from a health care provider, or someone else working in a health care setting, 82 percent said "no."
- When asked if they had been denied a job or a promotion, 78 said they had not.
- When asked if they had ever been evicted or denied housing,
 86 said "no."

It is not societal rejection of trans males and females that is at the root of their problem—their problem lies deep within themselves. They are unhappy, lonely, depressed persons who are more likely to engage in self-destructive behaviors. That's not normal. Their mental health problems are a reflection of their sexually confused status. They need help.

It must also be said that public policy should no more be driven by accommodating mentally disturbed trans persons than it should be driven by accommodating everyone else who has a mental disorder. It is one thing to reach out to such persons; it is quite another to restructure society in a vain attempt to rescue them.

One more thing. WAPO is intellectually dishonest to ask respondents if they agree that gender is assigned at birth. Gender is no more "assigned" than sex is.

Gender is a sociological term that refers to the roles that society considers to be appropriate for males and females. In other words, the current usage of gender is inaccurate—what is called gender is really the sex of the person.

Moreover, our sex is never "assigned" by anyone. It is exclusively determined by our father, and it is evident at the time of conception, not birth. It is anti-science to argue

HAS THE FBI BEEN SPYING ON US?

Judicial Watch announced in late April that it has filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit, along with CatholicVote, seeking communications the FBI may have engaged in concerning conservative Catholic organizations. The Catholic League was among those listed.

Judicial Watch is asking for all emails, Lync messages, and text messages sent to and from top FBI officials, beginning in March 2022.

The response is in reaction to news stories regarding the FBI's decision to spy on various orthodox Catholic organizations.

In April, Bill Donohue wrote to FBI Director Christopher Wray asking him to make public those documents that are related to the FBI's outreach program to "mainline Catholic parishes" and "local diocesan leadership." They were targeted because of "radicalization" within the Catholic Church.

At first, the FBI decided to monitor "Radical-Traditionalist Catholics," those associated with the Latin Mass. Then it upped the ante, going after "mainline" Catholics.

Has the FBI been monitoring, or spying, on the Catholic League? We don't know, but we sure would like to find out. When we learn the outcome of the Judicial Watch lawsuit, we will let you know.

WHY ARE YOUNG PEOPLE SO LONELY?

"All the lonely people
Where do they all come from?
All the lonely people
Where do they all belong?"

Those questions raised by the Beatles have never been more urgent.

All the surveys show that young people are the loneliest people in the nation.

In a recent poll by the Institute of Politics at Harvard Kennedy School, it was found that nearly half (47 percent) of 18-to-29 year olds (Generation Z) reported "feeling down, depressed, or hopeless," and a quarter of them (24 percent) have had thoughts that they would be "better off dead, or hurting themselves in some way at least several days in the last two weeks."

The poll further disclosed that 44 percent have been bothered by loneliness at least several days in the last few weeks; 46 percent reported "little interest or pleasure in doing things"; and 55 percent said they felt "nervous, anxious or on edge."

This is consistent with the findings of a 2019 survey conducted by Cigna. It found that a "loneliness epidemic" had gripped the nation. This obviously had nothing to do with Covid, as the lockdowns had yet to happen.

"Unfortunately," the researchers said, "it seems that the

younger generations are feeling this the most. The study found that Loneliness scores [based on the UCLA Loneliness Scale] rose among the younger generations, with the youngest generation, Gen Z, feeling the loneliest." Millennials were the runner-ups.

We know from many studies that the most lonely people are also the least religious, and vice versa (see Bill Donohue's book, The Catholic Advantage: Why Health, Happiness and Heaven Await the Faithful).

In a study conducted last year by the Survey Center of American Life of the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), it concluded that "Generation Z is the least religious generation yet." Indeed, 34 percent of them are religiously unaffiliated. Moreover, 18 percent identify as either agnostic or atheist (split evenly between the two). "In contrast, fewer than one in 10 (9 percent) baby boomers and 4 percent of the silent generation [those in their eighties and nineties] identifies as atheist or agnostic."

Not surprisingly, the AEI study also found that Generation Z was the most likely to say they were lonely, followed by Millennials.

The Cigna study revealed that social media is driving much of this mental health problem. "Gen Z and Millennials were identified as the loneliest generations and social media is thought to be the main contributing factor of loneliness in these younger generations." That's because they spend more time on social media than any other generation.

"Gen Z spends less time with their friends face-to-face and more time online and on social media. As we know from decades of research, people who interact with others face-to-face are less likely to be lonely. Recent research suggests that those who spend more time on social media, in contrast, are more likely to be lonely."

Virtually all of the research in this area shows that young girls are the most likely to use social media; they are also more likely than boys to feel lonely.

It all comes down to bonds. Bonding with others, and bonding with God.

Humans are social animals. When, for whatever reason, a sense of community is absent, serious mental issues arise. In Donohue's study comparing Hollywood celebrities to cloistered nuns, he found that the nuns were healthier and happier, by far. Yet our society prizes the "freedom" that the celebs enjoy. But are they happy?

Parents, teachers and the clergy have to do a better job ensuring that young people spend more time interacting with each other face-to-face and less time on social media; the bonds they would form pay big psychological dividends. It would also behoove them to nudge young people to spend more time alone bonding with God.

If this were done, we would be less likely to ask who the lonely people are, and where they all come from.

CULTURAL CORRUPTION MARKS SILICON VALLEY

Silicon Valley has more than banking problems: the high tech industry is culturally corrupt. To be specific, all the talk about diversity and inclusion that the left-wing elites speak about is nothing but claptrap. In fact, it is one of the most bigoted places in America to work.

The left-wing obsession with anatomy and ancestry as markers of diversity and inclusion allows its proponents to completely exclude people whose ideas they loathe. That means conservatives and Christians.

Lincoln Network, a community of free-market tech professionals, conducted a survey in late 2017 and early 2018 of tech professionals in Silicon Valley. The focus was on ideology and workplace norms. The findings remove any doubt about the extent of cultural corruption that exists. Here are six of the conclusions.

- A large majority consider their workplace liberal or very liberal.
- Most feel their views are at odds with the cultural norms in their workplace.
- Most do not feel comfortable sharing their views on political or cultural issues....
- A significant number cannot do their best work because their ideological views are at odds with their workplace norms.
- A large majority cannot bring their whole selves to work.
- Some know someone who did not pursue or left a career in tech because of perceived conflicts in viewpoints.

Tim Ferriss is an investor and an author who describes himself as "very socially liberal." He moved from Silicon Valley to Austin, Texas because "Silicon Valley [...] has an insidious infection that is spreading—a peculiar form of McCarthyism [...] masquerading as liberal open-mindedness." Sam Altman, a venture capitalist, concurs, saying he "felt more comfortable discussing controversial ideas in Beijing than in San Francisco."

"I have been retaliated against, bullied, verbally intimidated and subject to ridicule for my own opinions that are not accepted by corporate majority rule." Those are the reflections of a middle-age tech libertarian woman whose experience in Silicon Valley is commonplace.

A male Google employee said he moved from very liberal to conservative after undergoing a "reign of terror" by senior left-wing staff. One of his co-workers admitted that "I have lost multiple talented colleagues who resigned rather than continue in the face of increasingly extreme, narrowminded, and regressive environment here at Google."

Roughly half (48 percent) of those who work in Silicon Valley are self-described atheists or agnostics. Many don't like Christians.

Those who are religious attribute the animus to a "postmodern secularist Silicon Valley viewpoint." Others note that the "quietest" employees are "conservative Christians that don't want to risk the perceived ire of an obviously non-Christian non-conservative majority." Another worker confessed, "I would definitely be worried about professional repercussions if people knew my political and religious views."

Religious employees are careful about wearing their religion on their sleeve. Here's how one worker put it. "People in my workplace certainly can't know who I really am." He said, "a lot of people have this mindset that intellectually capable, smart people are atheist and rational."

Similarly, a tech employee at LinkedIn opined, "When colleagues go off on jeremiads about how terrible Christians are, I infer that if they knew I was a Christian, they would not like it." A software developer who is gay, Christian and a lifelong Democrat said he avoids sharing his views because "any sort of disagreement would make them wonder if I'm a secret Trump supporter."

There is plenty of evidence beyond the Lincoln Network survey that shows how things work in Silicon Valley. In a piece posted on Vox, the reporter said, "Silicon Valley is a young atheist's world," but quickly noted, "that's becoming a problem." Specifically, it's a problem for older employees who

"belong to a traditional religion."

It's wise for such people to keep their mouth shut. As one woman put it, her colleagues are shocked to learn she is religious. "What, really?" is a typical response. That is why she avoids mentioning her religion. When she does, "she feels the need to explain her faith to reassure previously skeptical parties that she is 'rational.'"

HBO's "Silicon Valley" satirized the intolerant tech sector. In one episode, it depicted a gay man who is religious. They were "shocked to learn that he goes to church." Another character admitted that Christianity "freaks people out in the Valley."

Peter Rex, a CEO who worked there, said there is truth to the satire. He said, "I've experienced a combination of hesitation and hostility toward my Catholic faith." He flatly says, "There is discrimination against Christians in Silicon Valley."

Is it any surprise that Daniel Dennett is one of Silicon Valley's most popular guest speakers? He is one of America's most influential atheist writers.

Why is it that everywhere the left-wing elite exist—the university, the foundations, Silicon Valley, the media, the entertainment industry—the last thing they prize is diversity of thought? Are they that insecure of their own convictions that they must trample on freedom of speech, freedom of association and freedom of religion? Must be so.

SEXUALIZING CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS

PARENTAL ALERT!

This report contains subject matter that is not appropriate for children, even though children are the target audience of what is going on in some public schools. Please use discretion. We hesitated to even publish this, but if you don't know what is happening to our schools, you won't be able to combat it.

April 2023—Newton North High School, in Massachusetts, hosted a drag show for students as part of Transgender, Bisexual, Gay, and Lesbian Awareness Day. Students gave up 30-minutes of class time to watch drag performer Missy Steak. While the event was optional, students who chose not to participate were sent to the cafeteria ostracizing them from their peers.

March 2023—At Eliot K-8 Innovation School in Boston, Massachusetts, 6th and 7th graders were asked to fill out an explicit survey. One question asked, "Have you ever participated in oral sex? Oral sex is when a person puts their mouth on another person's genitals or private area." Another question asked, "A transgender person is someone who does not feel the same inside as the sex they were born with. Are you transgender?"

March 2023—Massachusetts's sex education curriculum teaches middle school students to use cling wrap as a dental dam around their teeth for safe oral sex.

March 2023—Education officials in Fairfax County, Virginia, want to teach middle school sex education in coed classes.

January 2023—About 30 Missouri middle school students from Columbia Public Schools as part of a fieldtrip attended

Columbia Values Diversity, a yearly event to mark Martin Luther King Day, which featured several drag performers from Nclusion Plus. On the permission slip for the fieldtrip, parents were not notified that the event would include a drag show.

January 2023—As part of a health class at Churchill High School in Eugene, Oregon, students who missed course work could complete an assignment titled "Fantasy Story." This involved writing a short story about a sexual fantasy, and the students had to include three items, such as candles, massage oil, feathers, and flavored syrup, in the story.

December 2022—A teacher at Saturn Elementary School, located in the Los Angeles Unified School District, who claims to be a "trans demiboy non-binary," used "gender-fluid" stuffed animals to teach children how to use "proper pronouns." As part of the lesson, the teacher explained that there are "many more genders out there in the universe" than just male and female. Additionally, the teacher wished to include third-graders in the school's "rainbow club."

October 2022—Pitt County Schools began working with East Carolina University to develop radical gender-theory curricula and policies to ensure students stop normalizing heterosexuality, use gender pronouns in classes, help teachers create LGBT-focused classrooms, and provide children with "support" behind their parents' backs. Two of the stated goals of this training are "Promote LGBTQ ideology in schools" and "Reduce heterosexism and cisgenderism (heterosexual privilege) in schools."

September 2022—At the KIPP Poder Academy, a charter school that celebrates "diversity, equity and inclusion" in San Antonio, Texas, 13-year-old students had to role-play as seducing hookers in their Social Emotional Learning class. The students were paired up and called to the front of the room to strike poses. One pose was as a "seducing hooker," with a hand

on one hip and the other behind their ear. The teacher explained what a hooker was and what seduce meant. Some students felt uncomfortable by the game so the teacher gave them candy if they would participate. When a mother complained the school apologized but denied that this was an example of sexualizing children. It should be noted than San Antonio is a major hub for the sex trafficking of minors.

September 2022— The high school librarian in the Webster Groves School District, located outside of St. Louis, Missouri, hosted "Banned Book Week." She encouraged students to read books that were commonly banned, and participating students were entered into a raffle for a "sweet prize." One of the books for the event was "All Boys Aren't Blue," which has been removed from libraries in at least 29 school districts nationwide due to concerns about "sexually graphic material, including descriptions of queer sex," according to The New York Times.

September 2022—Nonprofits such as Education, Training and Research, Planned Parenthood and others develop training materials that push the theory that sexual repression is to blame for sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancies. Instead, they recommend an approach that favors greater and earlier openness about sexuality and more inclusivity.

September 2022—A teacher, who appears to be confused about her sex, at San Juan Hills High School in California offered students in her class access to a "queer library." She had over 100 books in this collection, some of which contained sex imagery, information on orgies, sex parties and BDSM. One book, "Juliet Takes a Breath," contains extremely graphic imagery of sex between women. Another, "Everything you Ever Wanted to Know About Being Trans...," discusses BDSM, fetishes, and a kink social media networking site. "This Book Is Gay," another title in this collection, discusses the homosexual, casual hookup site Grindr, and includes detailed information

on how to have anal and "girl on girl" sex, and explores sex parties and orgies. Another book, "The A-Z of Gender and Sexuality," also discusses kink and fetishes as well as "tucking"—the process of hiding one's penis and "whorephobia"—stigma against prostitutes. When the principal of the school was asked about the "queer library," he said, "In my educational experience, books are always a good thing and any books that support our students, I'm for."

September 2022—At Norman High School in Oklahoma, a teacher, who appears to be confused about her sex, sought to provide students with books specifically banned by the state's Department of Education. The teacher gave her students QR codes to books that she had labeled "Books the State Doesn't Want You to Read." These books contained graphic images and explicit materials.

August 2022—Newport-Mesa Unified School District in California uses a textbook which instructs students that there are over 10 sexual orientations and eight genders. The list of sexual orientations include androsexual, polysexual, skoliosexual, demisexual, and gynesexual, while the genders include androgynous, bygender, gender-nonconforming, questioning, and nonbinary. Additionally, this same school district uses the "Genderbread Identity" man as a tool to indoctrinate children. One section includes a video on "what it is like to be trans in high school." The school district also uses another text book, "Comprehensive Health," which includes profiles of students, including their names, sexual orientation and gender identity, and asks kids to create their own. For example, "Kai" is 14 years old. She is gender-fluid and pansexual, according to her profile.

August 2022—The Wauwatosa School District in Wisconsin approved a curriculum that teaches 4th graders about "gender identity and expression." The learning targets and standards say students will be able to "Have awareness of different definitions for gender, including transgender, cisgender, and

non-binary;" "Understand that individuals may identify beyond male and female;" "Understand the use of pronouns around gender identity;" and "Understand that a label may not describe someone perfectly." Meanwhile, the curriculum for third-grade students also has a "gender identity and expression" with lessons that mainly focus on understanding the use of different gender pronouns.

May 2022—Spring Lake Public Schools, in Michigan, offered the book "Gender Queer" in school libraries. The book is a graphic novel memoir and features mature sexual content and images of nude individuals engaging in sex acts.

February 2022—At John F. Kennedy Middle School in Enfield, Connecticut, 8th graders received an assignment to "use pizza as a metaphor for sex." Students were asked to draw a pizza and list the toppings that they would prefer on their pizza and the toppings they do not like. The students were to then extend the metaphor to sex by writing what sexual activities they would prefer to engage as represented by the toppings they preferred while the toppings they do not like represented sexual activities they wished to avoid. As an example, the instructions said, "Likes: Cheese = Kissing Dislikes: Olives = Giving Oral."

October 2021—Fairfax County Public Schools, in Virginia, gave a survey asking detailed questions about sex to children as young as 13 years old. In addition to asking eighth-grade students "have you ever had sex before?", the survey also asked "How old were you when you had sex?"; "During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?"; "During the past 3 months, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?"; "Did you drink alcohol or use drugs before you had sexual intercourse the last time?"; and "The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?" Additionally, the survey gave students a list of options to choose from as a method to prevent pregnancy including "no method was used to prevent pregnancy;" "birth-

control pills;" "condoms;" "an IUD ... or implant;" "A shot... patch... or birth-control ring;" "withdrawal;" and "not sure." Students were also asked, "Have you ever had oral sex?" Furthermore, the survey solicited answers on trangenderism by asking, "Some people describe themselves as transgender when their sex at birth does not match the way they think or feel about their gender. Are you transgender?"

June 2019-The ACLU and Planned Parenthood partnered with school districts across California to make progressive sex education and gender theory instructional materials for teachers. One video coached teachers on ways to help students obtain abortions without parental knowledge or consent and how to conceal the absences from parents. A parent from Murrieta School District claimed the instructional videos discussed "mutual masturbation" along with "gender roles, the gender spectrum, and in the support materials ... they take it even further. They discuss everything, topics like roleplaying for different genders, blood play, dental dams ... fisting is mentioned. I mean, they mention it all." In another video an ACLU official tells teachers how to prevent parents from opting their children out of LGBT education going so far as to say "opting out of just LGBTQ stuff is illegal and should be impossible."

May 2018—Western Albermarle High School in Virginia worked with Charlottesville Sexual Assault Resource Agency to show freshman girls a video by Laci Grace, a self-described sex educator who frequently partners with Planned Parenthood to produce her videos. The video begins with Green offering viewers a discount to one of her sponsors, which describes itself as the "#1 adult toy superstore." Green goes on to discuss "penis pleasure," sex toys, and how "your butt can be a wonderful source of pleasure as well." Later in the video, she talks about oral sex, "butt stuff," "hand play," and giving an "awesome blow job."

NASHVILLE SHOOTING LIKELY A HATE CRIME

The Nashville mass shooting, which resulted in the killing of three children and three adults, needs to be investigated as a hate crime against Christians. Police Chief John Drake told NBC news that "There's some belief that there was some resentment for having to go to that school."

The shooter, Audrey Hale, is a female who misidentified herself as a male. Her resentment against The Covenant School, a Christian school, is important given that Christianity teaches we are either male or female.

In all likelihood, this is the source of her resentment. After all, she targeted this school—she did not go on a rampage in a local public school. To top things off, her mother works at a local church and frequently posts about religion on social media.

There is another reason why Hale's killing spree must be investigated as a hate crime: transgender persons are often taught to hate normal men and women, what transgender activists call "cisgender" persons, namely men and women who are not at war with their God-given, and nature-ordained sex. Here's the evidence.

Lisa Littman is a physician who teaches in the Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Brown University. In 2018, she published an article in *PLOS ONE*, a peer-reviewed journal, on the subject of parents and their transgender adolescents and young persons. She touched on many issues relevant to this topic, one of them being the way these young people look at normal males and females.

Let's first say that the use of the term "normal" is ours, not Littman's. Nonetheless, in her study she found that 46.6 percent of transgender young people suffer from anxiety and 39.4 percent suffer from depression. Almost half, 48.4 percent, said they experienced traumatic or stressful experiences prior to the onset of their problem, namely gender dysphoria. And 61.4 percent admitted that they were "overwhelmed by strong emotions and tries to/goes to great lengths to avoid feeling them." None of this is normal. [In the case of Hale, her close friend called a suicidal hotline shortly before she went to the school.]

As to the critical point—the way transgender youth view normal males and females—what Littman found is as enlightening as it is disturbing. She concluded that their friends "praised and supported people who were transgender-identified and ridiculed and maligned non-transgender people."

The following are direct quotes from her article commenting on the friendship groups of transgender youth.

"The groups targeted for mocking by the friend groups are often heterosexual (straight) people and non-transgender people (called 'cis' or 'cisgender'). Sometimes animosity was also directed towards males, white people, gay and lesbian (non-transgender) people, aromantic and asexual people, and 'terfs.' One participant explained, 'They are constantly putting down straight, white people for being privileged, dumb and boring.'"

Another participant opined, "In general, cis-gendered people are considered evil and unsupportive, regardless of their actual views on the topic. To be heterosexual, comfortable with the gender you were assigned at birth, and non-minority places you in the 'most evil' of categories with this group of friends. Statement of opinions by the evil cis-gendered population are considered phobic and discriminatory and are generally discounted as unenlightened."

In addition, transgender young people and their friendship groups "also directed their mocking towards...[their] parents, grandparents, siblings, peers, allies and teachers." As one participant said, "They call kids who are not LGBT dumb and cis." Another confessed they that were "asked to leave [a school-based LGBT club] because they were not queer enough [as straight and bisexual allies]. [One of them] was bullied, harassed and denounced online."

The disparagement of normal people online cannot be exaggerated. Littman mentions Tumblr, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram as the worst platforms. As one participant put it, "They speak with derision about how cis-gendered people do not understand them and are so close-minded." Another said, "I hear them disparaging heterosexuality, marriage and nuclear families."

Turning on their parents is another problem. "My daughter called me a 'breeder' and says things in a mocking 'straight person voice.' Her friends egg her on when she does this." Another parent noted, "If they aren't mocking 'cis' people, they are playing pronoun police and mocking people who can't get the pronouns correct."

Trans youth see themselves as victims. "They seem to wear any problems they may have, real or perceived like badges of honor." Another said, "But all talk is very 'victim' centered." Finally, another said, "They passionately decry 'Straight Privilege' and 'White Male Privilege'—while emphasizing their own 'Victimhood.'"

There we have it. Normal people are "privileged," "dumb," "close-minded," and "evil." They deserve to be mocked and bullied. And no one is more evil than white men.

Transgender young people have emotional and mental disorders. They need help. They are also being taught to hate everyone not like them.

When you add these conditions to the resentment that the Nashville shooter exhibited towards her Christian school, you have a recipe for disaster. We cannot allow a biased media to spin this story any other way. We need a probe to determine whether this was a hate crime.

LEFT-WING REACTION TO TRANS KILLER IS TYPICAL

Power and control are what drives the left. They want the power to run our lives and control our thinking. They also hate the First Amendment: they do not believe in freedom of speech, freedom of association or freedom of religion.

This was on big display with their reaction to Audrey Hale, the Nashville mass shooter. Consider the way the media and activists responded to the serial killing in a Christian school by a disturbed transgender biological female who resented her time at the school.

The Associated Press pitched the story as one about guns, not violent transgender persons. Reuters, its British counterpart, took note of the religion the killer was raised in (Christianity)—and which she rejected—saying, "Former Christian school student kills 3 children, 3 staff in Nashville shooting." Similarly, the *Daily Mail* put the blame on her Christian parents.

If the killer had been a white supremacist, the media would be focusing on that, and nothing else.

NBC News was upset that some media outlets were mentioning the trans status of the murderer, even going so far as to say that

the real victims are those in the transgender community (they are allegedly fearful for their lives). Newsweek blamed Republicans for opposing "drag queen" shows, somehow tying that noble position to the deranged act of a disturbed person.

Activists have gotten into the act by demanding that Hale's game plan, contained in a manifesto that the police have yet to release, should not be made public. They want it censored. The head of Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere, Jordan Budd, flatly said, "It should not be published." Are they afraid it will detail her hatred of Christianity, a sentiment which is common in left-wing and trans circles?

Some activists are threatening violence, the ultimate expression of power. "If you transphobes do try to come for me I'm taking a few of you with me." This threat was posted in an online video by Kayla Denker, also known as "Pinko Scum." Denker was shown holding a gun.

All of this is of a bigger piece: the left does not want the truth to be told about trans people, and nowhere is this more evident than in the academy. Left-wing professors, which is to say most professors, will censor any voice that challenges the reigning orthodoxy, and this is especially true of gay and transgender issues.

Lisa Littman is a physician and a professor at Brown University. After she published a study of trans children and their parents, in a peer-reviewed journal, that challenged the conventional thinking, she was immediately condemned by academicians and activists. Brown even pulled its promotion of her work. In short, the left tried to silence her.

Littman's experience is the norm, not the exception to the rule.

Dr. Paul Sullins, a distinguished sociologist, knows this subject well, and he recently noted that studies on gay and trans persons reflect the "monoculture" that is prevalent in

higher education. "The American Psychological Association, which manages most of the psychological journals in the U.S., has a committee staffed by 'LGBT' activists that actively censor what they see as 'heterosexist' bias."

The left rejects the existence of truth, which explains their advocacy of the most pernicious ideology of our time, namely transgenderism. Their animus against science is palpable, and their commitment to politicizing every subject, including mathematics, makes them a danger to a free society.

Trans people should not be scorned. They should be treated for their maladies. But no amount of compassion for their disorders should come at the expense of telling the truth.