## GAY MARRIAGE DEFENDERS GETTING CRAZY

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on the intolerance that marks many gay marriage proponents:

Until yesterday morning, historically speaking, virtually every person in the world believed that marriage was a union between people of the opposite sex. This was true of both Western civilization and Eastern civilization.

Moreover, beginning with Judaism, most world religions considered homosexuality taboo. Plato thought homosexuality was against nature, the Romans made it a capital crime, and Jefferson made it a felony. Now no one can get tenure at many—perhaps most—colleges and universities if he believes what virtually every person in the world used to believe, until yesterday morning, historically speaking.

Punishing public officials, and denying others jobs, for simply holding to the traditional understanding of marriage, is now routine. Consider two recent examples.

Mike Pompeo, the CIA director, was grilled by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on April 12 regarding his nomination by President Trump to be Secretary of State. The State Department, as everyone concedes, has as much to do with two men marrying as a local parks department does. But to the gay obsessed, it doesn't matter: everyone must line up single file to pledge his allegiance to the gay agenda.

New Jersey Senator Cory Booker was clearly upset that Pompeo doesn't share his trendy view of gay marriage. Tellingly, he never asked Pompeo about Christian persecution in the Middle East. In fact there is no record of Booker ever asking anyone about Christian persecution. Yet he sits on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, not the Department of the Interior.

Badgering Pompeo for his conviction that marriage should be between a man and a woman is unseemly. It's not only Booker who is going bonkers over this, the Anti-Defamation League, which was founded to fight anti-Semitism, wrote a letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee chastising Pompeo. And the gay-crazed *New York Times* said Pompeo's rather normal view of marriage "raised alarm bells."

It's not just on the national level that this issue has exploded in a wave of intolerance.

On April 11, Katherine Asjes was rejected by the Iowa Board of Medicine because she holds to the same view of marriage that virtually everyone in the world used to believe, until yesterday morning, historically speaking. The Catholic mother of six, and the wife of a military veteran, was nominated by Gov. Kim Reynolds. It seems clear that she would have been confirmed had she not been stopped by intolerant gay activists.

Neither Pompeo nor Asjes is a threat to any lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer person. But many activists in that community are a threat to those of us who still believe what virtually everyone in the world used to believe, until yesterday morning, historically speaking.