

GAY “PRIDE MONTH” LOSING STEAM

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Interest in celebrating homosexuality, and attempts to switch one’s sex—popularly known as the LGBTQ agenda—is waning. In some respects the fading interest is more of a yawn; for others, it’s more of a thumbs down. Whether Pride events have played out, or there is a pushback against them, is debatable, but the data clearly indicate that support for “Pride Month” is losing steam.

A Gallup poll that was recently released found that support for LGBTQ people peaked five years ago, and it has been downhill since. To be specific, support for gay marriage is down six percentage points since its peak in 2022 and 2023. The percentage of those who view gay and lesbian relations as morally acceptable has also taken a hit. Similarly, support for changing one’s sex (which technically cannot be done) is floundering.

There is a concerted effort underway on the part of those who support traditional moral values to take back June from homosexual and trans activists.

Three years ago, Princeton professor Robert George announced that June would be “Fidelity Month,” a time to celebrate why we are proud to dedicate June to God, our family and our country. I was happy to participate by taping a speech in recognition of “Fidelity Month.”

Several states are no longer recognizing June as “Pride Month.” Arkansas and Utah are celebrating “Fidelity Month”; Tennessee and Indiana are supporting “Nuclear Family Month”; Alabama is boasting “Strong Families Month.”

Tucson, Arizona has canceled its Pride events, as has Long Beach, California. The Texas Rangers baseball team has shelved "Pride Night" for "Faith & Family Night." And the U.S. Department of Education has replaced "Pride Month" with "Title IX Month" (it commemorates equal opportunity for women—meaning *real* women).

Overall, these changes reflect a growing dissatisfaction with the moral state of America. The results of a Gallup poll, released in May, found that "A record-high 56% of Americans rate moral values in the U.S. as 'poor,' up 12 percentage points from last year, and 80% say moral values are 'getting worse,' up 14 points."

The increase in "poor" ratings is found across the political spectrum—Republicans, Democrats and Independents all agree that our moral compass is broken. This widespread perception is no doubt due to many factors, but surely among them are concerns over marriage, the family and sexuality.

Those who value "free expression" over social stability will not be happy with these findings; conversely, those who put a premium on social stability will find reason to cheer. It boils down to a classic showdown between individualism and collectivism.

The question for those who favor the former is, "How much radical individualism can any society be expected to tolerate before the social order atrophies?" And then what?

It is a sociological truism that freedom is predicated on a modicum of social stability. Ergo, turning a blind eye to this reality is just plain stupidity.