KAMALA HARRIS IS NOT RELIGION-FRIENDLY

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In assessing her candidacy for president of the United States, it is instructive to consider the positions taken by Vice President Kamala Harris on several issues of interest to Catholics.

She is a passionate defender of <u>abortion rights</u>. Indeed, there is no record of her opposing abortion at any time during gestation or for any reason whatsoever. She has also tried to force states that restrict abortions to obtain federal approval from the Department of Justice before implementing them.

When Harris was California's attorney general, she <u>bludgeoned</u> pro-life activist David Daleiden. He used undercover videos to expose how abortion operatives harvest and sell aborted fetal organs. She authorized her office to raid his home: they seized his camera equipment and copies of revealing videos that implicated many of those who work in the abortion industry.

In her role as California AG she also sought to <u>cripple</u> crisis pregnancy centers with draconian regulations. Specifically, she <u>supported</u> a bill that would force these centers to inform clients where they could obtain an abortion. She was sued and lost in the Supreme Court three years later.

Like many other Democrats, Harris is not content to sanction child abuse in the womb. Even when they are born, she is okay with letting those who survive an abortion die.

To be specific, on February 25, 2020, Sen. Harris voted against the <u>Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act</u>, a

bill that would "prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion." That's called infanticide.

Harris' record on abortion and infanticide is at odds with her opposition to the death penalty. When it comes to convicted serial rapists and mass shooters, she wants to spare their lives. In 2019, she was explicitly asked if she opposed the death penalty for acts of treason. She said she did.

There we have it. Harris says that those who endanger the safety of all Americans by attempting a violent overthrow of the government, or spying on the military for a foreign enemy, should have their lives spared, but innocent children who are moments away from being born are not entitled to have their lives spared. And children who survive an abortion, but are in need of medical attention, can be left to die on the table, and no one will be held accountable.

The Democratic Party is the proud party of homosexual activists and transgender radicals.

Harris is so happy to see two people of the same sex "marry" that she actually <u>performed "marriages"</u> between gay couples in 2004. She also <u>opposed Proposition 8</u>, the California initiative barring gay marriage. The people spoke—they voted for it—but she does not believe in "power to the people": she believes in power to the ruling class (which won in the Supreme Court).

When Florida <u>Gov. Ron DeSantis supported a bill</u> that would prohibit teachers in the early grades, K-3rd grade, from being indoctrinated with gay and transgender propaganda, she <u>opposed</u> it. In doing so she also showed her contempt for parental rights; the bill prohibited efforts to undermine them.

Harris' enthusiasm for <u>transgender rights</u> includes allowing females who claim to be men to join the military and males who

claim to be female to compete against girls and women in sports.

Religious liberty is a First Amendment right, but her deeds suggest she is not supportive of it. As a U.S. senator, she co-sponsored the "Do No Harm Act" that would force religious institutions to violate their doctrinal prerogatives.

Harris even <u>co-sponsored</u> the most anti-religious liberty bill ever introduced, the Equality Act. It would coerce Catholic doctors and hospitals to perform abortions and to mutilate the genitals of young people seeking to transition to the opposite sex. This bill would sideline the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, a 1993 bill that ensures that the government does not encroach on religious rights.

In 2018, the Catholic League was among the first organizations in the nation to protest her <u>attack on a Catholic nominee</u> for a federal district judge post. She badgered Brian Buescher at a hearing, simply because he was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a male entity.

As I pointed out at the time, Harris has never objected to Jewish women groups or the League of Women Voters. Just a Catholic male group. What really got her goat is Buescher's membership in a Catholic organization that is pro-life and pro-marriage, rightly understood. In other words, she was invoking a religious test for public office, which is unconstitutional.

The one incident where Harris proved to be religion-friendly was a <u>stunt</u> she pulled that violated separation of church and state. In 2021, she created a video to be played in Virginia black churches urging everyone to vote for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe. The video aired in 300 churches for several weeks. Harris starred in it, beckoning congregants to vote for him.

Harris' record on life, marriage, gender ideology and religion

are deeply troubling. There are no signs that she is about to change.