

OBAMA SLIPS GAYS INTO IMMIGRATION PLAN



Bill Donohue issued the following remarks today:

On Monday, a bipartisan committee of U.S. senators offered a reasonable proposal to reform our immigration policy. Yesterday, President Obama, speaking in Las Vegas, outlined his ideas, and while they differed somewhat from the senatorial plan, they were not dramatically different. However, Obama's speech did not include all that he is proposing: he made no mention of his decision to include homosexuals in his immigration proposal.

Yesterday, the White House released a "Fact Sheet" on the subject, "Fixing our Broken Immigration System so Everyone Plays by the Rules." Toward the end of this statement is a section, "Keep Families Together" that includes the following sentence: "It [the proposal] also treats same-sex families as families by giving U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents the ability to seek a visa on the basis of a permanent relationship with a same-sex partner."

In other words, homosexual unions are to be treated equal in status to naturally formed families. The term "permanent relationship" is, of course, shorthand for what the Obama administration seeks to redefine as gay "marriages."

No institution has been more supportive of comprehensive immigration reform than the Catholic Church. But just as its support for universal healthcare was stymied by the Obama

administration's inclusion of abortion in ObamaCare, and the inclusion of abortion-inducing drugs in the HHS mandate, the Church's support for immigration reform is now in jeopardy.

It is startling how an issue that has always been primarily about Hispanics has all of a sudden become a gay issue. In doing so, the Obama administration is risking the support of Catholics, evangelicals, Mormons, Muslims and observant Jews. Abortion and homosexuality—those are real issues that drive this administration. It's all about sex without consequences.