

# CHRISTIAN BASHERS RIP HEGSETH AND HUCKABEE

It took only a week after the election for the Christian bashers to attack president-elect Donald Trump's selection of Pete Hegseth to be Secretary of Defense and Mike Huckabee to be U.S. Ambassador to Israel.

Hegseth is a strong Christian who literally wears his religion on his body (he has more than a dozen tattoos emblazoned on his right arm and chest). To be sure, that is bizarre, but that is not what his critics are upset about. They don't like what the tattoos represent—Christianity.

If he had metal spikes hanging from his nose, or had tattoos honoring Lucifer on his neck, that would be fine. But once Jesus is brought into the mix, that's a call to arms. Indeed, the Christian bashers are explicitly calling him out for wanting a call to arms—they are saying he wants to bring back the Crusades.

The Jerusalem Cross on Hegseth's chest is driving them mad. On his right bicep he has inscribed the Latin phrase, "Deus Vult," which means "God wills it."

Mike Huckabee is an Evangelical Christian who is a rock-solid supporter of Israel. But according to John Hudson at the *Washington Post* that is a problem. He is worried that people like Huckabee, who believe that in the covenant that God made to Abraham about Israel, "have turned that belief into a right-wing brand of Zionism."

Similarly, the militants at J Street have lashed out at Huckabee for his "extremist views." Louis Moreno, a former U.S. Ambassador who knows Huckabee, calls him an "utter nut case." Why? Because the former Arkansas governor believes in the biblical account of the end of times. If he believed the

fiction that the sexes are interchangeable, that would be considered reasonable.

Radicals hate Pete Hegseth because he is a committed Christian and a patriotic American. They hate Mike Huckabee because he is a committed Christian who strongly defends Israel. It's really not all that complicated.

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## **WHAT TO DO WITH ILLEGAL SEX CRIME MIGRANTS**

Surveys show that the majority of Americans want illegal immigrants deported, especially those who have been convicted of crime. If they were asked exclusively about those convicted of sex crimes, that number would surely be greater. But many in Congress disagree—they want to keep them right here in America.

In the last year, a total of 158 Congressmen voted not to deport migrants convicted of sex crimes, and 140 of them were reelected in November. Everyone of them were Democrats.

Here are the names of those who were reelected and voted to keep illegal migrants convicted of sex crimes in the U.S.

Rep. Alma Adams, North Carolina  
Rep. Pete Aguilar, California  
Rep. Gabe Amo, Rhode Island  
Rep. Jake Auchincloss, Massachusetts  
Rep. Becca Balint, Vermont  
Rep. Nanette Barragán, California  
Rep. Joyce Beatty, Ohio  
Rep. Ami Bera, California

Rep. Donald Beyer, Virginia  
Rep. Sanford D. Bishop Jr., Georgia  
Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, Oregon  
Rep. Shontel Brown, Ohio  
Rep. Julia Brownley, California  
Rep. Salud Carbajal, California  
Rep. André Carson, Indiana  
Rep. Troy Carter, Louisiana  
Rep. Greg Casar, Texas  
Rep. Ed Case, Hawaii  
Rep. Sean Casten, Illinois  
Rep. Kathy Castor, Florida  
Rep. Joaquin Castro, Texas  
Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, Florida  
Rep. Judy Chu, California  
Rep. Katherine Clark, Massachusetts  
Rep. Yvette Clarke, New York  
Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, Missouri  
Rep. James Clyburn, South Carolina  
Rep. Steve Cohen, Tennessee  
Rep. Gerald Connolly, Virginia  
Rep. Luis Correa, California  
Rep. Jim Costa, California  
Rep. Jasmine Crockett, Texas  
Rep. Jason Crow, Colorado  
Rep. Danny Davis, Illinois  
Rep. Madeleine Dean, Pennsylvania  
Rep. Diana DeGette, Colorado  
Rep. Rosa DeLauro, Connecticut  
Rep. Suzan DelBene, Washington  
Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, California  
Rep. Debbie Dingell, Michigan  
Rep. Lloyd Doggett, Texas  
Rep. Veronica Escobar, Texas  
Rep. Adriano Espaillat, New York  
Rep. Lizzie Fletcher, Texas  
Rep. Bill Foster, Illinois

Rep. Valerie Foushee, North Carolina  
Rep. Lois Frankel, Florida  
Rep. Maxwell Frost, Florida  
Rep. John Garamendi, California  
Rep. Jesús “Chuy” Garcia, Illinois  
Rep. Robert Garcia, California  
Rep. Sylvia Garcia, Texas  
Rep. Dan Goldman, New York  
Rep. Jimmy Gomez, California  
Rep. Al Green, Texas  
Rep. James Himes, Connecticut  
Rep. Steny Hoyer, Maryland  
Rep. Valerie Hoyle, Oregon  
Rep. Jared Huffman, California  
Rep. Glenn Ivey, Maryland  
Rep. Jonathan Jackson, Illinois  
Rep. Sara Jacobs, California  
Rep. Pramila Jayapal, Washington  
Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, New York  
Rep. Henry “Hank” Johnson, Georgia  
Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove, California  
Rep. Bill Keating, Massachusetts  
Rep. Robin Kelly, Illinois  
Rep. Ro Khanna, California  
Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, Illinois  
Rep. Greg Landsman, Ohio  
Rep. Rick Larsen, Washington  
Rep. John Larson, Connecticut  
Rep. Summer Lee, Pennsylvania  
Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez, New Mexico  
Rep. Ted Lieu, California  
Rep. Zoe Lofgren, California  
Rep. Doris Matsui, California  
Rep. Lucy McBath, Georgia  
Rep. Jennifer McClellan, Virginia  
Rep. Betty McCollum, Minnesota  
Rep. Morgan McGarvey, Kentucky

Rep. James McGovern, Massachusetts  
Rep. Gregory Meeks, New York  
Rep. Rob Menendez, New Jersey  
Rep. Grace Meng, New York  
Rep. Kweisi Mfume, Maryland  
Rep. Gwen Moore, Wisconsin  
Rep. Joseph Morelle, New York  
Rep. Seth Moulton, Massachusetts  
Rep. Kevin Mullin, California  
Rep. Jerrold Nadler, New York  
Rep. Richard Neal, Massachusetts  
Rep. Joe Neguse, Colorado  
Rep. Donald Norcross, New Jersey  
Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, New York  
Rep. Ilhan Omar, Minnesota  
Rep. Frank Pallone, New Jersey  
Rep. Nancy Pelosi, California  
Rep. Scott Peters, California  
Rep. Brittany Pettersen, Colorado  
Rep. Chellie Pingree, Maine  
Rep. Mark Pocan, Wisconsin  
Rep. Ayanna Pressley, Massachusetts  
Rep. Mike Quigley, Illinois  
Rep. Delia Ramirez, Illinois  
Rep. Jamie Raskin, Maryland  
Rep. Deborah Ross, North Carolina  
Rep. Raul Ruiz, California  
Rep. Linda Sánchez, California  
Rep. Mary Scanlon, Pennsylvania  
Rep. Janice Schakowsky, Illinois  
Rep. Bradley Schneider, Illinois  
Rep. Robert "Bobby" Scott, Virginia  
Rep. David Scott, Georgia  
Rep. Terri Sewell, Alabama  
Rep. Brad Sherman, California  
Rep. Darren Soto, Florida  
Rep. Melanie Stansbury, New Mexico

Rep. Haley Stevens, Michigan  
Rep. Marilyn Strickland, Washington  
Rep. Mark Takano, California  
Rep. Shri Thanedar, Michigan  
Rep. Mike Thompson, California  
Rep. Bennie Thompson, Mississippi  
Rep. Rashida Tlaib, Michigan  
Rep. Jill Tokuda, Hawaii  
Rep. Paul Tonko, New York  
Rep. Norma Torres, California  
Rep. Ritchie Torres, New York  
Rep. Lori Trahan, Massachusetts  
Rep. Lauren Underwood, Illinois  
Rep. Juan Vargas, California  
Rep. Marc Veasey, Texas  
Rep. Nydia Velázquez, New York  
Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Florida  
Rep. Maxine Waters, California  
Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, New Jersey  
Rep. Nikema Williams, Georgia  
Rep. Frederica Wilson, Florida

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# **INSIDE THE MIND OF LEFT-WING HATERS**

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*Most Americans were shocked to learn that an innocent man, Brian Thompson, was murdered simply because he was an insurance man; he was the United Healthcare CEO. They were also shocked to learn that a former Marine, Daniel Penny, was*

*being tried for manslaughter: he put his life at risk trying to subdue a crazed man on a New York subway who threatened to kill passengers; it ended with the death of the offender.*

*But in the mind of left-wing haters, Thompson deserved to be killed and Penny was probably guilty.*

The author Joyce Carol Oates took to social media to claim that the outpouring of negative sentiments toward slain United Healthcare CEO Brian Thompson “is better described as cries from the heart of a deeply wounded & betrayed country; hundreds of thousands of Americans shamelessly exploited by health-care insurers reacting to a single act of violence against just one of their multimillionaire executives.”

Oates, however, took a different approach to Daniel Penny. She questioned if the decision to dismiss the manslaughter charge was “based on law.” Oates accused Penny of homicide and wondered if there were “mitigating circumstances” that would have led to the dismissal.

Beau Forte, a former Green Party candidate for Congress in New Jersey, said, “Currently, over 1,000 people go bankrupt daily, solely due to personal medical bills. Anyone who can make millions of dollars overseeing a system like this, and sleep well at night doesn’t deserve my sympathy.” Forte additionally opined on social media “that the world is a better place because of” Thompson’s murder.

Forte posted on social media that he did not know enough about the Daniel Penny case to make an informed statement if Penny “was guilty or not.” Forte, however, went on to push the racist lie “that If [sic] you swapped the races in this case, the jury would not be deadlocked.”

Anthony Zenkus, a senior lecturer at Columbia, is more of an activist than an academic. According to his profile on Columbia’s website, he is involved with racial justice, income inequality, and climate justice. He has served as an organizer

for Occupy Wall Street, the fight for a \$15 minimum wage, Al Gore's climate initiative, and supports Black Lives Matter.

Zenkus posted online, "Today, we mourn the death of United Healthcare CEO Brian Thompson, gunned down...wait, I'm sorry—today we mourn the deaths of the 68,000 Americans who needlessly die each year so that insurance company execs like Brian Thompson can become multimillionaires." His X account is littered with sympathy for the shooter and scornful of anyone showing remorse for Thompson.

Zenkus did not make any statements on the Daniel Penny verdict, but when the incident first happened he posted on social media, "Daniel Penny was trained. Daniel Penny knew exactly what he was doing to Jordan Neely [sic]. Daniel Penny murdered Jordan Neely. Arrest Daniel Penny."

The ladies on ABC's "The View" were quick to defend Jordan Neely and cast aspersions on Daniel Penny. Whoopi Goldberg sympathized with Neely stating that "he was an ill man" and argued that the death of his mother "set him off on his mental path." Co-host Sunny Hostin referred to Neely as "a former Michael Jackson impersonator" and suggested he was "hungry and thirsty" and less of a threat. Both Goldberg and Hostin asked several times "where is our compassion as a society" for Neely.

As for the murder of Thompson, co-hosts of "The View" took a different tone. Sara Haines took point accusing health insurance companies of acting "like a criminal racket." Meanwhile, Hostin referred to the gunman as "young" and "promising."

Senator Elizabeth Warren (MA-D) commented on the murder of Thompson noting, "Violence is never the answer, but people can only be pushed so far." She went on to say, "This is a warning that if you push people hard enough, they...start to take matters into their own hands in ways that will ultimately be a

threat to everyone.”

Senator Bernie Sanders (VT-I) commented on the Thompson murder by arguing that the “anger at healthcare industry tells us...you cannot have people in the insurance industry rejecting needed healthcare for people while they make billions of dollars in profit.”

Yolanda Wilson, Ph.D., an associate professor of health care ethics at St. Louis University, wrote on social media “While I’m not rejoicing about UHC CEO being shot dead in the street, I’m not sad about it, either. People deserve better than the US health insurance industry, and chickens come home to roost.”

Following Penny’s acquittal, Hawk Newsome, a cofounder of Black Lives Matter, stated, “We need some black vigilantes.” It is worth restating the George Floyd riots that Black Lives Matter participated in contributed to the death or injuries of dozens of people and caused between \$1 and \$2 billion dollars worth of damage.

*What happened to Thompson was inexcusable. What Penny did was honorable. Unfortunately, 41 percent of those under the age of 30 found Thompson’s killing acceptable. This tells us more about what they are learning in school and from social media than anything else.*

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## **LEFTISTS ATTACK RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN EUROPE**

The Observatory on Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians in Europe (OIDAC Europe) annually collects data on the state of religious liberty. Its latest report garnered

media coverage on both sides of the Atlantic, but most of it was simply a tally of offenses committed against Christians; the motives of the perpetrators were given scant coverage. Had they probed more deeply, they would have reported on the oversized role played by militant secularists.

Given that most of the major media outlets in North America and Europe are left-of-center, this outcome is not surprising. It seems clear that this was less an oversight than a calculated decision.

In the nearly 15 years that OIAC Europe has been documenting anti-Christian hate crimes, there has been a steady increase in the number of incidents; they range from vandalism to murder. The researchers found there were 2,444 anti-Christian hate crimes in 35 European countries last year, including 232 personal attacks on Christians. France, the United Kingdom and Germany posted the worst records.

Who's mostly responsible? The 2024 Report says most of the attacks were done by (a) radical Islamists (b) those who were anti-religious and (c) those who identify with the radical left. The latter two categories combine for the large share of the offenses, and although the Report does not say so explicitly, those two demographic groups are representative of militant secularists.

A review of the types of offenses detailed by the Report validates this conclusion. Radical Muslims are not the biggest threat to religious liberty in Europe; it is left-wing radicals who harbor an animus against Christianity. It should be mentioned that much the same kind of persecution is taking place in Canada and in the United States.

For example, those who follow traditional Christian teachings were discriminated against by losing their jobs, being subjected to unfounded investigations, the closing of bank accounts, humiliation and bullying.

“Expressing religious convictions such as ‘marriage is a union between one man and one woman,’ or ‘human life begins at conception,’” were among the reasons Christians lost their jobs. Those are the kinds of beliefs that trigger militant secularists on the left to act, not radical Islamists (they are more prone to strike out against converts to Christianity).

The Report also found that “In the context of employment, Christians who expressed traditional views, were often reported by activists, subjected to disciplinary hearings—which some described as interrogations about their personal beliefs—and subsequently dismissed.” Left-wing activists fit the bill completely.

Here’s how discrimination on the basis of traditional moral beliefs works. “Any mention of faith in a CV precludes one from an interview. My yearly assessment was lowered because I spoke of Christ.” That is precisely the type of bullying that secular activists are very good at.

Besides the workplace, traditional Christians are being targeted in the universities. “This perception seems to stem mainly from a hostile attitude towards Christianity among students from the political left and from negative preconceptions about Christians that are attributed to anyone who professes the Christian faith.” That says it all.

Some Christian haters in Europe have gone so far as to punish praying in public. They even attack those who pray silently. Christians are being interrogated by the police, fined and prosecuted if they pray outside an abortion clinic.

Adam Smith-Connor is an army veteran and father. He was found guilty in October 2024 by a British court after “praying silently in his own mind in a public area in a so-called ‘buffer zone,’ because at one point his head was seen slightly bowed and his hands were clasped.” That was it. In Northern

Ireland a woman who was caught peacefully praying by the roadside now faces up to six months in prison if found guilty.

In May, another person who was simply standing on a public street corner in a “buffer zone” in Birmingham was asked by the police, “Are you here to pray for the lives of unborn children?” By the way, these “buffer zones” include private homes: it is against the law in Scotland for private home owners to display pro-life signs if they can be seen within 200 meters of the premises.

This is the kind of thing we would expect from the dictators in North Korea, not democratically elected officials in Europe.

Transgenderism is all the rage in Europe. They are now banning teachers in the U.K. for “misgendering” a transgender pupil, meaning they are punishing teachers for calling a boy a boy and a girl a girl even when the boys and girls falsely claim that they are of the opposite sex.

In Switzerland, the government took a couple’s 16-year-old daughter from her parents and placed her in a state home because the parents objected to her “gender transition.”

This is the mark of totalitarians, and it is not radical Islamists who are doing it. It is the work of militant left-wing secularists who hate Christianity.

They are locking up the wrong people in Europe.

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**THE PROBLEM WITH ROBERT F.**

# KENNEDY Jr.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has been chosen by president-elect Donald Trump to be Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). From a Catholic perspective, there are serious problems with that choice.

First and foremost is Kennedy's position on abortion. It might be more accurate to say his positions on abortion. For most of his career he has been a staunch supporter of abortion-on-demand, but now he says he favors some restrictions.

Kennedy didn't evolve over the years on this issue. He did so recently when it became apparent that if Trump were to win the election he may land some post in the administration. Being pro-abortion, he obviously reasoned, could be a real problem, especially if he were up for the HHS job.

When Kennedy was asked by former ESPN commentator, Sage Steele, whether there should be any limits on abortion, he said no. "Even if it is full term...I don't think it's ever OK...I think we have to leave it with the woman rather than the state." He didn't say that ten years ago. He said it in May of last year.

It gets worse. Literally *three days* after the Steele interview, Kennedy said abortion should be permitted only before viability.

There are other issues that should give Catholics pause. In December 2023 he told political commentator Patrick Bet-David that he did not support a ban on "gender affirming" care for minors. Why? Because he did not "know enough about it to say that it should be completely illegal," and he needed "to look at the data" before making a decision.

But guess what? In May he decided he supported a ban on minors receiving "gender affirming" care.

Kennedy not only wants to make marijuana legal nationwide, he wants to legalize some psychedelics. That would presumably include psilocybin (magic mushrooms), the most popular psychedelic in the nation. He believes that there are significant benefits to psychedelics that have not been uncovered because the medical establishment has gone out of its way to prevent that research.

Here's what we know about magic mushrooms. They can cause frightening hallucinations, distorted thinking, impaired concentration, unusual body sensations, nausea and vomiting, paranoia, confusion and emotions ranging from bliss to terror.

The fundamental problem with Kennedy is that he lacks a coherent understanding of these issues.

He spent his entire life defending abortion-without-limits, and had no problem justifying puberty blockers, chemical castration and mutilating the genitals of disturbed minors—until he experienced his grand epiphany in May. And now he thinks we need to make it easier for Americans to hallucinate.

Following our news release on this subject, Kennedy told Trump and Sen. Tommy Tuberville that he will not pursue his pro-abortion policies and will instead follow what the president wants.

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## **BAR FOR SCREENING NOMINEES DIPS LOWER**

Donald Trump's nominees for various posts will soon be scrutinized, and some of them are bound to have their personal

lives held under a microscope. Assuming something tawdry turns up, the question is whether it will matter. It's worth remembering some fairly recent events.

Think of all the politicians who have been accused of one sexual impropriety after another. We have the Kennedys: John, Robert and Ted—all of whom learned a thing or two from their philandering father, Joe. More recently we learned about the alleged sexual escapades of Dennis Hastert, Al Franken, Elliot Spitzer and Andrew Cuomo. Homosexual congressmen such as Gerry Studds and Barney Frank were accused of sexual misconduct.

Bill Clinton, of Monica fame, was accused of rape, as was Joe Biden and Donald Trump. Biden's daughter, in fact, wrote that her sexual troubles began early on. To wit: She wrote in her diary about "having sex with friends @ a young age; showering w/my dad (probably not appropriate)..."

When did it become acceptable to live a life of sexual recklessness?

In the 1970s, the libertine ideas that took root in the 1960s began to manifest themselves behaviorally (Plato's Retreat for straights and the bathhouses for gays). The sexual revolution gave us a spike in out-of-wedlock birth, babies being killed in the womb, broken lives, AIDS and premature deaths. It continues today though it is not as dramatic as it was then.

From the 1970s to today, Hollywood, TV talk shows, the media, women's magazines (e.g., *Cosmopolitan*), psychologists and sociologists have been bombarding us with the need to be tolerant of what previously was considered intolerant speech and behavior. When vulgar singers and dancers strut their stuff at presidential events, and drag queens get their jollies by sexualizing little kids at public libraries, is it any wonder why so many men and women have become inured to moral degradation?

Having polluted our culture with obscene toxins, it is a

little late in the game to invoke Christian standards for government posts. So if there is a Trump appointee who has a record of moral turpitude, who among the Democrats is going to throw the first stone?

Our choice would be Dr. Richard Levine. He served as the Assistant Secretary for Health who goes by the name Rachel and falsely claims to be a woman.

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## **LOOK WHO FUNDS CATHOLIC DISSIDENTS**

We examined which foundations are funding Catholic dissident organizations and learned that the number-one contributor appears to be the Arcus Foundation.

Arcus funds We Are Church, DignityUSA, New Ways Ministry, Catholics for Choice and the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual (WATER). All reject the Church's teachings on marriage, the family, sexuality and ordination, yet claim to be Catholic.

New Ways Ministry was founded in 1977 by Father Robert Nugent and Sister Jeannine Gramick. It has been roundly condemned by cardinals and bishops in Rome and the U.S., but Pope Francis spoke positively of Gramick in 2021.

Jon Stryker created the Arcus Foundation in 2000 to focus on LGBT causes and the preservation of the great apes. He is a homosexual billionaire, and his lavish funding of Catholic dissident groups is done to undermine Catholicism. In 2023, he gave a total of more than \$42 million in grants and operating

expenses to various organizations.

Other groups that fund these anti-Catholic entities include the Ford Foundation, George Soros' Open Society Foundations, Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, William & Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Huber Foundation.

This just goes to show how ideologically corrupt many members of the ruling class really are.

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## **U.S. TRAILS U.K. ON PUBERTY BLOCKERS**

It's time the medical profession in the U.S. caught up with the U.K., and most European nations, by pulling back its support for gender ideology. It's madness and every sane person knows this to be true.

The American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Federation of Pediatric Organizations, the American Psychological Association and the American Psychiatric Association are still promoting transgenderism, the insane idea that the sexes are interchangeable. They are not—nature is not a social construct.

The Brits have figured it out. They decided on December 11 to make permanent an earlier decision by the country's National Health Service to ban the use of puberty blockers for young people suffering from gender dysphoria.

Wes Streeting, the health secretary, said, "We need to act with caution and care when it comes to this vulnerable group of young people, and follow the expert advice." One of the

experts he listened to was Hilary Cass. She noted that puberty blockers “are powerful drugs with unproven benefits and significant risks.”

Why is the U.S. on the wrong side of history on this issue? As Bill Donohue pointed out in *Cultural Meltdown: The Secular Roots of Our Moral Crisis*, what’s driving transgenderism is money and ideology. That’s a wicked stew.

The transgender industry is a multibillion dollar enterprise. Lots of medical professionals are making a quick buck exploiting sexually confused young people. They are prescribing puberty blockers and performing sex-reassignment surgery—including chemical castration and genital mutilation—on troubled youth.

Then there is the role of ideology. Transgenderism is based on the unscientific notion that the sexes are interchangeable. It holds that all it takes for a male to become a female, and vice versa, is to make public declarations of this sort. But we cannot change what nature has ordained. Nature is not like a piece of putty that can be twisted and reconfigured. God made sure of that.

Dr. Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard is a Nobel Prize-winning biologist. She calls the transgender movement’s claims “unscientific” and “nonsense,” and says that allowing teenagers to determine their own sex is “madness.” Furthermore, she says, “All mammals have two sexes, and man is a mammal. There’s the one sex that produces the eggs, has two X chromosomes. That’s called female. And there’s the other one that makes the sperm, has an X and a Y chromosome. That’s called male.”

This is Biology 101. But it needs to be relearned, and no segment of the population needs to relearn it more than the medical profession. They need to put the money and ideology aside and start acting responsibly again.

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# THE DEATH OF DEI

[Bill Donohue](#)

DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) policies are dying. This became inevitable once the Supreme Court struck down affirmative action in college admissions in 2023. Subsequently, the corporate elite began to reconsider the wisdom of keeping their DEI policies. Pressure from advocacy groups, such as the [Catholic League](#), added to the momentum. Most important, President Trump is currently busy putting the final nails in the coffin.

Killing DEI is not enough. We need to know why these policies were implemented in the first place, and why they failed.

DEI was born of cultural Marxism, white guilt and elite cowardice.

Cultural Marxists believe that progress is best achieved by identifying the oppressors and the oppressed, and then establishing polices that punish the former and reward the latter. White heterosexual male Christians are the oppressors. The oppressed are their mirror opposite. In real life, this means that poor white guys from the hills of West Virginia are the bad guys, and rich black lesbians from Hollywood are the good guys.

This may sound unfair, but not to cultural Marxists. They know they are right because they can chart their taxonomy on the blackboard and in the corporate board room.

White guilt plays a major role. Now it is not normal for anyone to be ashamed, or feel guilty, about the color of his skin. Such a pathology must be taught. In this case, those who

indoctrinate their subjects with white guilt are mostly wealthy white liberal parents, teachers and activists. It makes them feel virtuous to assume a high moral mantle upon which they can lecture.

Elite cowardice is also important. The ruling class is easily intimidated by current fashions, so much so that they would rather not confront cultural bullies before standing fast. Hence, the creation of DEI offices. The potentates decided that at least it keeps the barbarians at bay.

DEI was dead on arrival for a much more significant reason: America is not a racist country.

Indeed, there is no nation on earth where men and women of all races, ethnicities, religions, classes and sexual persuasions are able to climb the social mobility ladder easier and more quickly than in the USA. Migrants know this to be true—which is why they keep on coming—even if wealthy white liberals do not.

To see a real-life example of the almost total absence of racism, consider sports.

People of all races and ethnicities partake in collegiate and professional sports, and whenever a fight breaks out between opposing team players, the melee that ensues is purely along team lines, not racial lines. Black, white, Hispanic and Asian athletes rush to defend their teammates who get into a fight with the other team. We never see black guys from one team joining with black guys from the other team to beat up white players; the obverse is also true. Teams matter. Race does not.

Similarly, there is great camaraderie between team players of all races and ethnicities. Black and white players congratulate each other and support each other in a myriad of ways, both on and off the playing field. In many ways, they are a role model for those who want to envision what a post-

racial, or color blind, society looks like.

Some years ago a friend of mine went to a Mets game and witnessed an unusual event.

Before the game began, a famous black player from the San Francisco Giants walked by two New York City policemen (one was white, the other black). The black cop asked the player to sign a mini baseball bat that he had. He did. Then the white cop asked him to do the same. He was told no. The black player explained that the black cop was his "brother." The black cop quickly smashed the bat on the railing, breaking it in two. He pointed to his fellow officer and said to the player, "He's my brother."

Every decent person wants racial justice. But flawed policies that serve a noble cause are not virtuous, and when the outcome actually exacerbates matters, they must be condemned. In short, when it comes to behavioral outcomes, results matter more than intent.

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## **COMPASSION IS NOT NECESSARILY VIRTUOUS**

[Bill Donohue](#)

In our therapeutic world, where feelings too often dominate reason, it is almost sinful to question the merits of compassion. But to have real-life meaning, we need to know the object of compassion before applauding. In other words, when compassion is misplaced, it is not virtuous.

A popular dictionary definition of compassion reads,

“sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.” It cites as an example, “the victims should be treated with compassion.”

This is accurate. We should show compassion for the “sufferings or misfortunes of others,” such as those who have lost their homes in southern California. We should also show compassion to “victims,” such as those who have been victimized by illegal aliens. [The initial phase of the deportation roundup is targeting criminals.]

The latter is now a matter of contention in some quarters. Many hold that those who are now being deported are victims deserving of compassion. Which begs the question: Why is it compassionate to deport those who have entered our country illegally and have victimized innocent Americans?

Not to distinguish between victimizers and victims is immoral. Surely it is immoral to show compassion for Nazis and not the Jews they baked in ovens. Surely it is immoral to show compassion for child abusers and not the children. So why is it compassionate to show compassion for illegal aliens who have committed violent crimes against Americans but not their victims?

The same people who turned a blind eye to the sufferings of women being raped by illegals are now apoplectic at the sight of the rapists being deported. This is a classic case of misplaced compassion.

Those who have entered our country illegally, but have not engaged in criminal behavior, may not be a threat to the well-being of Americans, but they are not innocent either.

No one likes line jumpers. Kids know this to be true, which is why they object when someone cuts in front of them while waiting in line at an amusement park. Adults complain when someone jumps the line at supermarkets. And those who are waiting in line in foreign countries to enter the United

States legally have every right to express their indignation at those who are crashing our borders.

To show compassion for line jumpers but not those who are playing by the rules is immoral.

Context matters when making moral judgments, but too often it doesn't. That's because we have allowed feelings to guide our moral compass. This is a serious mistake. Feelings should never be discounted, but they are not dispositive.

We need to employ the faculty of reason before cheering those making public displays of compassion. If we do, we may decide they are more deserving of our contempt.