

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.

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.

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.

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.