MONKEYPOX IS NO MYSTERY

If we are going to stop the spread of monkeypox, we need to first admit that nature is not a social construct. It is a stubborn fact of life. It has never changed and never will. Nature's God has seen to that.

One of nature's most stubborn facts is the body's limited capacity for abuse. If we eat too much, drink too much, have too many cigarettes, drugs or sex partners, the body rebels. Promiscuity does bodily harm.

There are two segments of society most responsible for the spread of monkeypox: promiscuous homosexuals and elites in medicine.

If homosexuals acted more responsibly and stopped engaging in lethal sex practices, stopped having multiple partners, and stopped having sex with anonymous men, monkeypox would not be the problem that it is today.

Charles King is a gay activist who has worked with AIDS patients. "Telling people not to have sex or not to have multiple sex partners or not to have anonymous sex is just a no-go, and it's not going to work. People are still going to have sex, and they're going to have it even if it comes with great risk."

He's right. You may as well talk to the wall. Gays who have multiple sex partners—with men they have never met—are impervious to reason. They will stop at nothing. For them, all the pain and suffering they endure is worth the risk. That they may spread their disease to innocent unsuspecting persons seems not to matter.

We went down this road before in the 1980s when gay activists demanded that we keep the bathhouses open even though they were a principal venue for the spread of AIDS. The narcissism

and irrationality was striking.

If the elites in medicine—including those at the CDC and the World Health Organization (WHO)—were straight shooters and told it like it is, monkeypox would not be the problem that it is today. It does not help when the best that the head of WHO can say to homosexuals is that they need to reduce the number of their sexual partners "for the moment."

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, who is not a medical doctor, sounded a lot tougher discussing social distancing to combat Covid-19. In April, amid a drastic decrease in Covid hospitalizations and deaths, he warned that if social distancing norms were relaxed "too quickly, we risk a resurgence that could be even worse than our present situation."

Ever since we learned about monkeypox in mid-May, it has been painfully evident that too many leaders have pretended that "anyone can get monkeypox." While technically this is true, we've known from the beginning that in Europe and the United States that almost all those who have the disease are gay men.

What seems to be bothering gay activists and medical elites more than anything is the stigma attached to monkeypox. By contrast, we hear little about the extent to which it is behaviorally induced.

There are signs that a reality check is taking place. More stories are being published arguing that the government has not done enough to make vaccines available, thus raising questions whether the passivity is driven by an anti-gay animus. But how could this be if the "anyone can get monkeypox" refrain is true? There's the rub. For there to be victim status, there must be a clear admission that monkeypox is a gay-driven disease.

On July 26, the New York Times reported that it was not until June 23 that New York City decided to offer the vaccine "to

all men who had recently had sex with multiple or anonymous male sexual partners"; the federal government did so five days later. By singling out this group, the elites finally acknowledged the truth: everyone does not have an equal chance of contracting monkeypox. It discriminates on the basis of behavior.

The Times story quoted a "transgender queer man" who tried unsuccessfully to get vaccinated a week before Pride Weekend. Did that affect his behavior? Not at all. "He hooked up with a few people, and about a week later, began to feel abdominal pain, swollen lymph nodes and body aches. Lesions spread across his body, and some made it excruciating to urinate."

A man who works for George Soros also opened up about his behavior during New York's Pride events. He said he "had sex with several guys over the weekend." He got monkeypox.

Another gay man, who admitted that several of his friends came down with monkeypox after a weekend of partying in Fire Island in early June, was worried that more gays would contract it during the New York Pride festivities. He rightly assumed that after Pride weekend, "monkeypox cases would skyrocket to thousands."

Too bad these people didn't listen to reason. On June 22, in an article titled, "Gay Role in Monkeypox is Serious," Bill Donohue said, "With 'Pride' festivities about to be launched over the last weekend in June, it is incumbent on government officials to warn the homosexuals of the necessity of practicing restraint."

They didn't. We now know what happened.

MONKEYPOX VAX IS NO PANACEA

Imagine if those who drink too much alcohol and wind up damaging their liver were to band together demanding a cure for their malady, without first pledging to change their behavior. What would we say? What would we say to heavy smokers if they demanded a cure for lung cancer without first pledging to change their behavior?

Yet when it comes to homosexuals and monkeypox, or AIDS before that, gay leaders demand that we find a cure for their disease without first pledging to change their behavior.

When Covid hit, we locked down the economy, closed schools, and banned church services. So why didn't health officials cancel the "Pride" events in New York City at the end of June? A predictable surge in monkeypox followed.

Why didn't health officials ban the Dore Alley gay festival at the end of July in San Francisco? Those who attended this event said there were no warnings posted anywhere.

The Washington Post interviewed people at the Dore Alley event and noted that some were quite worried. "Many revelers kept their clothes on or donned full latex outfits inside crowded bars." In other words, had they not been afraid of catching monkeypox, they may have not have kept their pants on. This is not normal. What kind of people act this way?

Scott Wiener is a California state senator and a gay activist. He says the monkeypox vaccine "can't come fast enough." What about gays changing their behavior? "If people want to have sex, they are going to have sex." He just doesn't get it. Vaccines are no panacea for behaviorally induced diseases.

The August 5 edition of the New York Times had an op-ed by Kai Kupferschmidt advising gays what to do before the vaccine is widely available. "That includes talking about reducing the

number of sexual partners, creating 'pods' of sex partners (where people can keep sexual activity within a group) and other strategies to reduce the risk."

Why the compulsion on the part of so many homosexual men to have multiple sex partners with anonymous men? This is not normal. And why is it that the best Kupferschmidt can do is recommend that gays have sex with multiple partners whom they know?

One voice of sanity in the medical profession is Don Weiss, the top epidemiologist at the New York City Department of Health. His advice is seminal.

In an email he sent to other health officials, he said, "We cannot vaccinate our way out of this, nor can we isolate our way out of this. The only way out is to abstain. I know I sound like a bible thumping preacher, but this is the exposure we need to PREVENT."

Weiss added that "This disease is entirely preventable had we the courage to send out prevention messages. We seem paralyzed by the fear of stigmatizing this disease while we totally ignore the epidemiology. If we had an outbreak associated with bowling, would we not warn people to stop bowling."

We need to send Catholic moral theologians and doctors into the gay community to advise them of the merits of Catholic sexual ethics. Agreeing to temporarily keep one's pants on in public is not a strategy that works.

NPR PROMOTES SEX ENGINEERING

National Public Radio (NPR), using the taxpayers' dollars, ran a pernicious segment on "the importance of inclusion in sex education."

In the course of its reporting, NPR assaulted parental rights, promoted pleasure-oriented sex education, and downplayed the dangers of sexually transmitted diseases (STD).

To frame this conversation, NPR host Leila Fadel began by attacking parental rights. Fadel noted that on July 1st Florida's Parental Rights in Education law went into effect. Rather than using its proper name, she labeled it the "don't say gay law." Moreover, Fadel said the whole point of the Florida law, and similar legislation proposed in other states, is "to restrict the rights of LGBTQ youth."

NPR's "Life Kit" reporter Lilly Quiroz interviewed Ericka Hart, "a sexuality educator with a focus in racial, social, and gender justice." She, too, believes that sex education should be pleasure-oriented. She argued that "young people should explore their genitals" so that they can "say, like, this is what feels good for my body—right?—and this is what doesn't feel good for my body."

If this was not harmful enough, the segment ended with an effort to remove the "stigma" associated with STDs. For this, Quiroz interviewed "sexpert" Gioconda Davis to explain that the idea that STDs "make you dirty…is just a terrible lie. And also…if you get an [STD], your sex life is over. Like, no—most [STDs] are curable or treatable, and it doesn't have to be, like, this mark of shame."

At no point in this segment did NPR offer anything of educational value. Instead, it used the American taxpayers' hard-earned dollars to attack the rights of parents, promote pleasure-oriented sexual education, and downplay the dangers

of STDs. It did all of this on our dime. It is past time to defund NPR.

DEMONIZING CATHOLICS

TRADITIONAL

We live in a time when crackpots on the left and the right are surging, conjuring up conspiratorial theories about everything from the January 6 riot to the design of "racist" highways. The nice thing about devil's theories is that they appear to provide conclusive answers to complex problems. The drawback is that they're the work of madmen.

We now have a writer for The Atlantic telling us that "the rosary has acquired a militaristic meaning for radical-traditional (or 'rad trad') Catholics." For the "rad trads," the rosary "can be a weapon in the fight against evil."

Who are these "rad trads"? The author, Daniel Panneton, never really says. Not one person or organization is mentioned. So where does he get his information? Social media. "Their ('rad trads') social media pages are saturated with images of rosaries draped over firearms, warriors in prayer, Deus Vult ('God wills it') crusader memes, and exhortations for men to rise up and become Church Militants."

Ironically, the one person he names as inspiring this crusade is Pope Francis. Then why is the pope wary of those who like the Latin Mass? Never mind, Panneton has uncovered a remark that exposes the pope as a threat to peace. "There is no path to holiness... without spiritual combat" (his ellipsis). That settles it—the pope is a warmonger.

Alex Thomas, who writes for the Daily Beast, prefers to call the "rad trads" the "trad-Caths." Who are they? He says "they love the Latin Mass," a clear indication that they are a threat to humanity. "There is no doubt that the trad-Cath movement is metastasizing and often dovetailing with Christian nationalism through the shared notion that 'Western civilization' is at risk."

Notice that Thomas doesn't believe there really is such a thing as Western civilization. He thinks it is a fiction entertained by the likes of "trad-Caths."

John Blake writes for CNN. His biggest concern is "White Christian nationalists," not just any Christian nationalists. They are the guys who participated in the January 6 rally which turned into a riot. According to this sage, "there are plenty of other Americans who have adopted teachings of the White Christian nationalists," however—and this is the key—"often without knowing it."

That's right. Delusional Americans (probably white people) are buying into Christian nationalism without knowing it. So how does Blake know they don't know it? He must be very smart. After all, he works for CNN.

Traditional Catholics—be they "rad trads" or "trad Caths"—are mostly good Catholics who enjoy the solemnity of the Latin Mass. There may be some crackpots among them, but it's a sure bet that they are far fewer in number than those who write for The Atlantic, the Daily Beast or CNN.

BIDEN PRIVILEGES GAYS OVER KIDS

On August 4, Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra declared monkeypox a national public health emergency. This decision was not based on medical conditions; rather, it was purely political.

On August 10, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported there were 9,492 cases of monkeypox in the United States. On August 6, a news story on CDC data reported that "fewer than 1 in 10 (8%) needed hospitalization due to monkeypox." That means there were 759 hospitalizations.

A study published July 21 by the New England Journal of Medicine found that 98 percent of those infected with monkeypox were homosexual or bisexual men and that 75 percent where white.

Now contrast these numbers with what we know about respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), an infection that primarily affects young children during the fall and winter; there has been an uptick this summer.

"Each year in the United States," the CDC reports, "RSV leads to an average approximately 58,000 hospitalizations with 100-500 deaths among children younger than 5 years old and 177,000 hospitalizations with 14,000 deaths among adults aged 65 years or older."

No one has died of monkeypox in the United States.

Why has the Biden administration declared a national public health emergency for monkeypox, when only 759 have been hospitalized, while failing to do the same for RSV when 58,000 children are hospitalized each year for the virus?

In the New England Journal of Medicine study of men with monkeypox, it found that "the median number of sex partners in the previous 3 months was 5 partners" and that 20 percent had attended large gatherings, such as Pride events. The researchers also learned that 32 percent "were known to have visited sex-on-site venues within the previous month," and that 20 percent had engaged in "chemsex," meaning "sex associated with drugs such as mephedrone and crystal methamphetamine in the same period."

Monkeypox is preventable—all it takes is for homosexual men to act responsibly and slam on the brakes, but for some unexplained reason, many refuse to do so.

Biden is privileging monkeypox because it is a mostly white gay man's disease. In other words, those who won't alter their behavior get the benefits of an emergency declaration, but innocent children suffering from RSV do not. It's a national disgrace. Whatever happened to health equity?

THE CORRUPTING POWER OF HIGHER EDUCATION

As Bill Donohue pointed out in *Common Sense Catholicism*, higher education corrupts our capacity to exercise common sense. This is most glaringly obvious among white people; they have spent more time in school than blacks. The latest Pew Research Center survey on transgender persons unwittingly offers more proof of this observation.

Respondents were asked whether being a man or a woman "is determined by sex assigned at birth" or if it "can be different from sex assigned at birth."

This inaccurately worded question, written by well-educated researchers, underscores Donohue's point about the corrupting power of higher education.

Sex is never assigned—it is determined by the father and is detectable during pregnancy. If it were assigned there could be no "gender reveal" parties (this is also inaccurate—it is the baby's sex that is being revealed by technology, not his or her gender). It would be more accurate to say that our sex is recorded, not assigned, at birth; the person doing the officiating is simply validating the obvious.

Most important, our sex cannot change. It's impossible. We are either conceived as a male or a female and no amount of cross dressing, puberty blockers, chemical castration and genital mutilation can ever change that.

Still, it is amazing to read that 38 percent of those surveyed believe our sex can change. Who are these people?

Predictably, whites, who have stayed in school the longest, are the most gullible: 38 percent say we can change our sex. Blacks have more common sense: only 31 percent believe it can be changed.

Young people have the least common sense, which is why they are split 50-50 on this issue. They are also the most likely to have been indoctrinated in the fantasies of gender ideology.

The Pew survey conclusively shows that the longer one stays in school, the less common sense he is likely to have.

Those with a high school education or less turned out to be the brightest: 33 percent believe our sex can change; the figure for those with some college is 39 percent; it jumps to 45 percent among the most educated (bachelor's degree or more). No doubt those with graduate degrees are the dumbest, with those in the humanities and social sciences leading the

way.

Higher education is supposed to make us brighter. It is supposed to encourage us to look at data and be persuaded by empirical evidence. It is supposed to develop our ability to reason and think logically. Instead, it is disabling our mental faculties, leaving us prone to ideological whims.

The time has come for college students to learn how to think in a commonsensical manner. They need to be tutored by working-class men and women who have not gone beyond high school. Maybe then the "well educated" would know the difference between a man and a woman.

THE GALL OF WORLD HEALTH OFFICIALS

The World Health Organization (WHO) released its updated manual on Gender Mainstreaming for Health Managers. WHO officials boast that they now have "new gender, equity and human rights framework and tools" that will enable them to counter gender discrimination and related issues.

The new features go "beyond non-binary approaches to gender and health to recognize gender and sexual diversity, or the concepts that gender identity exists on a continuum and that sex is not limited to male and female."

Leaving aside the madness of the "non-binary" claim—only male and female exist here in the real world—these officials are such phonies.

Currently there are 33 members on the Executive Board of WHO

(one, the U.S. seat, is currently unfilled). Of this number, 28 are men and 5 are women; there are no "non-binary" creatures on the board. If this passes as gender equity, then the rest of the world gets a pass as well. If it doesn't, then most of the men need to resign immediately.

WHO's purported commitment to human rights is particularly galling.

We checked the most recent U.S. State Department "Country Reports on Human Rights Violations" and found that only 6 of the 33 members come from nations where there are no serious human rights violations (Canada, Denmark, Slovenia, United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, Micronesia and Japan). Torture is ongoing in 15 of the nations, and genocide is being waged in China.

Which raises the question: On what moral authority does the WHO executive board rest? To put it a little more straightforward—what gives these misogynists and human rights offenders the right to lecture anyone?

One more thing. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is the Director-General of WHO. He was elected by secret ballot in May 2022, after being proposed as a candidate in January 2022. But there was no need for a secret ballot—it was a total sham. Guess who ran against him? No one.

So much for equity and diversity. WHO's credibility is totally shot.