

WILL AMAZON CENSOR THE POPE?

Catholic League president Bill Donohue comments on Amazon's latest free speech victim:

Ryan T. Anderson was recently named president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a respectable conservative think tank in Washington, D.C. He is a brilliant social commentator who spent several years at The Heritage Foundation. One of his books, "When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Movement," is no longer available on Amazon. That's because it is a critical analysis of this phenomenon.

If Anderson is too controversial for Amazon, then it is only a matter of time before Pope Francis is censored. That actually would be great—it's time the cancel culture mavens had their tyrannical powers blow up in their faces.

Available on Amazon is a book, "San Giovanni Paolo Magno," authored by Father Luigi Maria Epicoco and Pope Francis, that was published last year in Italian. In it the pope condemns gender theory—the idea that men and women can switch their sex—as "evil." The pope made it clear that he was not referring to "those who have a homosexual orientation." Rather, he was referring to "an attack on difference, on God's creativity, on man and woman."

Is Amazon going to censor this book? If so, where will it stop? If not, why not?

This was hardly the first time Pope Francis denounced gender ideology. In 2015, he called this novel idea "ideological colonization," saying that it preys on children. Indeed, he said it was analogous to "the Hitler Youth." In 2014, he went further, arguing that "Gender ideology is demonic."

Now if these remarks by the Holy Father were to appear in a book, would Amazon carry it?

The appetite for censorship on the left is at a fever pitch. Those responsible for this assault on free speech need to be subjected to much greater scrutiny on the part of Congress than has been true to date.

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