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Wal-Mart supports gay marriage.

Recently Wal-Mart joined the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. The NGLCC promotes gay marriage and homosexuality. Wal-Mart became a corporate member of the NGLCC and one of their vice-presidents became an adviser to them. An adviser to a homosexual promotion organization would assumedly advise them on how to promote homosexuality.

Wal-Mart has been suffering bad publicity from the political left wing. It has been accused of depriving its employees of benefits and some large urban areas have made it difficult for Wal-Mart to open stores. However, Wal-Mart was not pressured to join the gay marriage movement. Instead it actively sought out the NGLCC and offered its support. In addition to joining the homo promo chamber of commerce, Wal-Mart immediately began donating money to homosexual causes.

This past September in Chicago the homosexual organization Out & Equal, known for their pushing of same-sex marriage in the workplace, hosted a conference to train homosexuals how to convince the companies they work for to support the homosexual agenda. Walmart placed a full-page ad in the program guide stating that it would be an advocate for the homosexual movement. They also made a \$60,000 donation to Out & Equal to help sponsor the Out & Equal Workplace Summit. Pride, Walmart's in house homosexual group, made a PowerPoint presentation detailing how they were successful in getting Wal-Mart to support the homosexual agenda.

Wal-Mart was begun in northwest Arkansas by Sam Walton. Northwest Arkansas is in the Ozark Mountains, traditionally a conservative Christian area. Sam Walton and Wal-Mart reflected these values to a great degree. For example, Wal-Mart was criticized by some in the recording industry for refusing to carry recordings with obscene lyrics and messages. The liberals base of power is the well-to-do class and the welfare class, who stay enslaved to the government social programs. Wal-Mart's clientele has included middle class conservatives.

Since Sam Walton died several years ago, Wal-Mart has still been expanding aggressively, but in recent years their sales growth has not kept pace with previous periods. Their stock price, after increasing enormously in previous decades, has been stuck for several years. Other retail chains are seeing greater growth in sales than Wal-Mart. Consequently Wal-Mart is now trying to move a bit more upscale in their customers, more in line with Target stores.

In response to Wal-Mart's move to join the gay marriage movement, the American Family Association called for Christians to send protesting emails to Wal-Mart and to boycott their stores on the two shopping days after Thanksgiving.

In response to that threat of a boycott on those two shopping days, Wal-Mart issued the following announcement:

"Wal-Mart will not make corporate contributions to support or oppose highly controversial issues unless they directly relate to our ability to serve our customers."

AFA then called off their two day boycott, and said they were confident that Wal-Mart would remain neutral in the culture war.

In response to an email asking Wal-Mart about the situation, and about their offering homosexual books for sale, they replied by email:

"With regard to the items sold by Wal-Mart, just like many other online retailers, we offer a number of books on walmart.com that appeal to a broad range of people because we are committed to serving our millions of customers each week.

As a company, we are reaching out to the GLBT community as part of our ongoing commitment to nondiscrimination and diversity, just as we are reaching out to multiple other groups. This helps us better connect with the customers we serve and also broadens the pool of talent we need to run our business. Wal-Mart's foremost mission has always been to serve all of our customers well. We are doing our best to continue to achieve this mission by reaching out to as many communities as we can. The important point is to recognize and respect all of our associates and customers."

In November, Wal-Mart sales were down .1% compared to the previous November. This was the first such decline in a decade. James Cramer, a popular TV personality stock analyst, said he didn't know how the people who run Wal-Mart are still allowed to hold their jobs.

It would appear that Wal-Mart executed a strategic retreat when threatened with a boycott but that they are now with the other side in the spiritual war that is going on in society. On their own initiative, they actively sought to support the promotion of gay marriage and homosexual causes, and enthusiastically began throwing money to those radical left wing groups. Surely that shows where the heart of their management is. Their email response says they are committed to GLBT, gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders, and that they are committed to diversity, which is the euphemistic buzzword for advocating homosexuality.

What does this have to do with Christian homeschooling?

Simply and profoundly this: When Wal-Mart, America's blue collar, red Republican small town store begins to support sodomy, America is in great, great danger of becoming like Sodom and Gaymorrah. Left wing values and Christian values cannot coexist. As the country adopts homosexuality, it inherently becomes more and more anti-Christian. Not just non-Christian but anti-Christian. When Wal-Mart goes over to the side of Sodom, who is left that has not gone over to the left?

Currently there is increasing pressure from the left to make homosexuality/sodomy acceptable in the government schools. In Canada the government even tells the Christian schools what they can teach. At some point the left will attempt to do that in the US, and

after that they will tell all parents what they must teach their children, which will be anti-Christian values. The power bases of the left are the education system, the media, and the court system. Christians must immediately stop supporting the education and media systems which are trying to destroy them.

Government schools going for the hard sell.

One of the greatest areas of left wing influence is the government public schools. The recent spate of shootings in schools, churches and workplaces is causing more parents to take their kids out of the public schools.

A large local school district near us is hiring an expensive media firm to promote the public schools, because so many parents are leaving them. 501 students dropped out of high school during the 2005-2006 school year, as reported in the local media. That's 116 more than the year before. 200 families officially notified this school district this school year that they are taking their children out of the public schools. The school district wants to persuade parents not to do that.

When the TV and newspaper reported this information, they used the phrase "dropped out." Actually, for many students it is "getting out" -- escaping from the educational slums which are the government schools. The media report that the schools are attacking the dropout problem when in reality they have parents who are dealing with the public school problem. If 200 families officially notified the schools that they are withdrawing their children, these are not "drop outs" but "get outs."

Is buying a media campaign a proper use of the funds given to the schools, which are allocated for education, not for promotion? If the school district is truly trying to serve the educational needs of the parents and their children, why not let the parents decide what is best for their families, and then try to serve those wishes? If the schools produce an excellent product, will that not be promotion enough for them? When they are always saying they need more money to educate the kids, why are they using that money for a very expensive advertising campaign instead of student instruction?

When the government schools lose students, they don't get as much tax money. The more students they have, the more money they get. Therefore in buying an ad campaign to stop losing students, in effect they are using tax money to campaign to get more tax money.

The government public schools are ultimately a self serving bureaucracy. If they were truly serving the educational needs of America, then they would welcome competition as better serving the country. They would want students to have the best education, even if it was not public school education. Their goal would be education for America's youth, not just public school education. However, if they are self serving, then they will want all students to attend their schools, even if they don't have the best product.

Christian homeschool parents offer their education to their children even though they don't get paid for it; in fact, they actually have to pay to do it. We have known several

Christian school teachers who have taught for no pay or almost no pay at all. That is the opposite of self serving. These people teach to serve God and others. How many people in the government schools would continue to work there if their paychecks were stopped and they received no payment at all?

Actually, public schools are always being promoted. The local TV stations in the locale of that school district which lost 200 families constantly run stories on their local news about all the great things that are happening in the schools. Features such as "Assignment Education" talk about this great new thing and that great new approach in the schools, giving the impression that they are constantly getting better and better. All of the TV stations do the same thing, to whatever degree, endlessly promoting the public schools and their continual cry for more money.

By contrast, almost nobody ever promotes homeschooling. An occasional story on homeschooling will be run, often with negative or questioning overtones, but there is little systematic promotion of homeschooling. There should be. Christian homeschooling is the absolute best educational approach -- love tutoring, Christian discipling, and family restoration. What we do with homeschool-helpers is promote homeschooling. We do support activities for those already homeschooling, but we want to encourage that great majority of Christians who do not homeschool to consider it. One nation under God begins with one family under God. Just as many people fled government public housing because they wanted a better life, so many families are now looking for a better education for their children than the government public schools. The time is right for us to encourage them to do that.

In a bit of irony, the person who the aforementioned school system has turned to for their ad campaign -- because they like his work -- is himself a homeschool graduate.

The Great Liberal Fear.

Just as each local school district hates parents pulling their children out of the public schools, because they will lose money, so the whole left wing fears the same thing because they will lose power. One of the great fears of the anti-Christian liberals is that the Christians will get fed up and pull their children out of the government schools en masse.

Why does the left want the children of Christians in the public schools?

Because then they can turn them into anti-Christians like themselves.

And they do. Of those students from Christian families who are educated in the anti-Christian schools, about 4 out of 5 turn away from Christ as adults. In Christian homeschools, that figure is reversed.

The anti-Christian liberals fear that the Christians will get fed up and pull their children out of the government schools en masse because it is the Christians in the public schools

which give the left the power they have to control the country.

Here is an example.

Small town Forsyth, Missouri will now have a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) club in their local public high school. A transgender lesbian student named Eric or "Edie" says he/she first went to the school counselor to ask permission to start the club. Not receiving approval there, he/she then went to the school board, where he/she was again denied.

After searching the internet, he/she found a Missouri state law which was passed in 1984 that says districts have to provide equal opportunity for clubs to assemble. This law originally gave Christian clubs the right to meet in schools. The school superintendent then said that Forsyth by law will have to have a GSA club in school.

The school district did not sponsor the club this year, because the deadline for registering their list of officers and teacher-sponsors had passed. If the club is registered during the first week of school next year, then the district will apparently sponsor this Gay Straight Alliance and will be listed on the Gay Lesbian Straight Educational Network (GLSEN) site,

<http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/student/student/club/index.html?state_club=27>
along with other Missouri schools such as Lebanon and Springfield.

GLSEN provides educational resources and financial and emotional support to students who wish to start a GSA in their local public school. The organization considers itself "the launching pad for Gay/Straight Alliances throughout the nation's high schools and colleges." Last year, more than 450,000 students at nearly 4,000 K-12 schools, colleges and universities across the country participated in the GLSEN sponsored "Day of Silence". GLSEN's plans for America's public schools can be viewed at <<http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/student/student/index.html>>.

This Forsyth situation presents a very confusing picture. A male student there is considered a trans-gendered female lesbian. That means he/she acts as a female, but desires other females, which is what a male would do, anyway.

Where does he/she go to the bathroom? With all the girls?

Confusion.

The left wants Christian children in their schools so they can expose them to this type of thinking. They took control of the schools through the left wing lawyers and judges. That cannot be denied. They earnestly desire that Christian kids go to their schools, so these young Christians can be formed in their image, instead of the image of Christ.

One of the greatest fears of the left is that the Christians will get fed up with the filth and get out of the anti-Christian schools. Christians, now is the time to make those fears come true. One of the greatest ways to oppose the liberals is to not have your kids in their

schools. Government schools overall turn out students created in the image of liberals. Christian homeschools turn out children in the image of Christ.

That is the most striking feature about this discussion. Homosexuals as a whole are miserable, bitter people. An organization did a study of homosexual deaths and found that the average age of death for male and female homosexuals is around 40. They are more likely to die of disease, homicide, suicide, and even accidents. Homosexuality is not just an alternative lifestyle. It is an alternative death style. Their way is self destructive. In their bitterness they rage and attack others, mainly Christians. The left wing wants to educate your kids in this death style.

The same thing is true for those high school students who become "sexually active," even with heterosexuals. Studies show that they are much more unhappy and much more prone to other destructive behavior. They are breaking a natural law, the 7th commandment against sexual sins, and that has an effect on them.

On the other hand -- totally on the other hand -- are the Christian homeschool families. These people mostly live Little House lives, with Ma and Pa and a table full of children, in a house full of love, under God's direction. The young folks grow up happy, healthy, wanting to serve God and others, and wanting to homeschool their own families. God really blesses these families, as they seek Him. And all's well that ends well, Caroline.

This is DanWhite with Homeschool Helpers. God bless the Christian homeschoolers.