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## **Is There Gay Mafia in West Virginia?**

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Shortly after April Fools' Day 2014, Bill Maher, star of HBO's *Real Time* television show caused a brief backlash from the gay rights community when he made the following statement during the taping of one of his shows, "*There is a gay mafia. I think if you cross them then you do get whacked.*"

Maher, who is certainly no champion of conservative talking points, was weighing in on the forced resignation by Brendan Eich, the then CEO of tech giant Mozilla. Eich was forced out of his brand new position when homosexual activists created a maelstrom. That storm of hypocritical activism washed him into the unemployment line after a California campaign finance law was changed by the Democrat-controlled state legislature. The law was altered to expose political contributions from previous years. Eich had given \$1000 six years earlier to defend the integrity of natural marriage. President Barack Obama also held the same view as Eich on marriage at the time. But the President was allowed to later "evolve" on his position without retribution.

It's important that West Virginians know that the California law change that exposed Eich's natural marriage views was proposed right here in last year's legislative session by Democrat leadership. The bill numbered HB4463 barely went down to defeat after a frantic night of lobbying by The Family Policy Council of West Virginia and other groups including Friends of Coal, and other pro-life and pro-gun lobbyists. If the California-styled law had passed, the Secretary of State would have exposed the names and home addresses of church members, businessmen and women and private citizens simply trying to defend their rights through the political process.

The elderly and children - or anyone would have been exposed to harassment by militant same-sex advocates for giving even small amounts of money to political efforts. If that's not a way to whack proponents of natural marriage then I don't know what is.

Is there a "gay mafia" in West 'by God' Virginia? Does a La Cage aux Folles-Cosa Nostra exist in the Mountain State? Lest the reader not take this topic seriously let me state unequivocally...yes it does exist and everyone needs to know what it looks like.

These mafia members seldom resemble Marlon Brando stroking a cat while handing out orders for violence. These are not Sicilians who just happen to be really good dancers and know what Pantone colors are. Is it true that these wise guys occasionally lurk in the dimness of a Broadway side stage exit after a performance of *Kinky Boots* hoping to get an autograph? Probably. Could these men be ridiculously well dressed and humming *Don't Cry for Me Argentina*? Possibly. Might you see mob



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“ladies” fitted in dungarees and Doc Martins with the latest Netflix episode of *Orange is the New Black* downloaded for a watch party? Without a doubt!

But lets set aside the entertainingly colorful clichés. The “gay mafia” is real and you better believe that principles and pro-faith policy and conservative politicians are indeed getting whacked right here in Appalachia. Powerful and well funded, these often legally trained operatives of “the family” or perhaps a more culturally relevant moniker, “the modern family” are surgically redefining marriage and society through federal appeals courts and sometimes state law.

It doesn’t take many of them to alter our state and our nation. Just three carefully appointed appellate court members in Richmond forced homosexual marriage onto West Virginians. Two were appointed by Democrats and one by a Republican.

Same-sex activists have now seized an inordinate amount of political power in West Virginia considering they only represent 1.6% of the population according to recent reporting by the Federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. They are more than capable of “whacking” political opponents who defy their agenda.

They have adeptly taken advantage of the less than 20% voting rate of conservative Christians in West Virginia. Those couch-potato church folk unwittingly bolster same-sex proponents by staying home on Election Day while simultaneously bellyaching about how the gay community now run everything. That’s a tragic abdication of civic duty by the “faithful” and now legal, gay weddings are an embarrassing reminder of that laziness.

More affiliates of this powerful same-sex activist group are now seeking public office. Nick Casey openly and proudly lobbied for special homosexual rights while at the same time lobbying for the Catholic Arch Dioceses. Casey resigned his position as chief lobbyist for the state’s richest and most influential gay activist group just one day before he announced his run for Congress.

Casey’s former homosexual lobbying group is called Fairness West Virginia and its members secretly hope for a Casey win. But Casey has shunned any mention of his past activism for special homosexual protections during his campaign against Alex Mooney. He has been whacking his Catholic, pro-natural marriage opponent with hundreds of thousands of dollars of negative commercials but not a peep about his connections to the homosexual group Fairness.

Casey is merely hoping to win office in D.C., but other homosexual activists have already risen to prominent positions of power in our state’s legislature. Those delegates are now able to “whack” pieces of legislation or at times anyone or any organization that speaks up in opposition to their agenda.

House Delegate Stephen Skinner from the 67th district in Jefferson County is a trial lawyer and currently the only openly gay member of the legislature. He also helped to found Fairness West Virginia and served as a director. Skinner inserted poison-pill language into a religious reformation bill last session. That bill would have offered protections to pastors and small business owners if sued for



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refusing to participate in same-sex weddings. That bill would have passed on the floor of the house but after being whacked by Skinner, it died in committee.

According to several seated Democrats in both state houses who spoke privately, Delegate Skinner is widely viewed as the de facto head of the Democrat party in West Virginia. He is the shadow governor. He wields so much political power behind the scenes with his connections to the highest ranks of homosexual activists and funders in America that few dare publically cross him. Skinner's connections have had a large hand in funding other openly gay candidates as well.

For example, Coy Flowers, an openly gay physician is a candidate for Greenbrier County's 42nd house district and was the founding director of Fairness West Virginia. Campaign finance reports show that much of Flowers' \$150,000 campaign contributions have likely been from Skinner-affiliated activist donors.

Josh McGrath, who is running for a house seat in the 13<sup>th</sup> was also touted by Fairness West Virginia and MSNBC along with Skinner and Flowers, for being three openly gay candidates who made it through to the general election on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Gay activist groups have financed all three campaigns in part.

The Secretary of State's office reports that there are several other elected officials or candidates who have proudly accepted campaign donations from homosexual foundations and gay activist groups. The list includes House Delegates Mike Manypenny in the 49<sup>th</sup>, Tiffany Lawrence, a former Miss West Virginia in the 65<sup>th</sup>, Jason Barrett in the 61<sup>st</sup>, and Isaac Sponaugle in the 55<sup>th</sup>. All have utilized money from out-of-state homosexual organizations. Sheri Wong, a candidate running in the 35<sup>th</sup> house district has also taken donations from those donors.

There are other supporters and sympathizers who are not open activists but still important members of the same-sex underground. These operatives are not always homosexual themselves but they've secretly begun stacking city councils in West Virginia. These secret activists and strategists intend to de-construct the definitions of marriage and Christian businesses and rebuild society with their own "enlightened" sense of fairness one city council at a time. If you're a small business owner and you refuse to participate-whack! fines and/or protestors at your doorstep. Several city councils have begun to force unconstitutional, special same-sex protection ordinances onto citizens in West Virginia without bothering to get the legislature's approval.

This is the same type of ordinance that Houston's lesbian mayor Annise Parker recently made national news over when she subpoenaed five pastors sermons and church bulletin inserts. A different group of pastors sued the activist mayor over her refusal to accept a certified petition to have the sexual orientation ordinance put to a public vote on a Houston city ballot. She then legally demanded 18 different forms of documents from pastors to shut them up. Those included any sermons they had preached, edited or had in their possession on homosexuality. Failure to comply meant contempt-of-court charges and then jail time.



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Quietly, activists have forced EHNDNA and soon SOGI compliance zones onto churches and businesses in Charleston, Huntington, Morgantown, Buckhannon, Lewisburg and Harper's Ferry. And they are attempting to force another compliance zone onto the citizens of Beckley on Tuesday, November 25, just two days before Thanksgiving. SOGI stands for Sexual Orientation & Gender Identification. EHNDNA stands for Employment & Housing Non-Discrimination Act. Efforts are mounting by pastors and the faith community to oppose this new forced SOGI compliance zone and it remains to be seen if Beckley's mayor Bill O'Brien will follow the Houston Mayor's example and subpoena Beckley's pastors over their opposition to the ordinance.

Open lesbian Annise Parker was elected as mayor several years ago in Houston without much fanfare surrounding her same-sex status. But clearly she has become an enforcer within this powerful "gay mafia." Her unprecedented overreach of legal authority is a blatant attempt to intimidate the Church and its leaders. This act should send a chill up the spine of everyone who believes in the accurate application of the separation of church and state. Mayor Parker has since backed off the subpoenas because she stated she didn't want to have a debate over religious freedoms. Exactly.

Both EHNDNA & SOGI create a sixth protected class of humans and give special protections in housing and in business for those who claim a self-identified sexual orientation other than heterosexual.

EHNDNA is a positive-sounding change to the uninformed voter. It bills itself as a needed addition to anti-discrimination law for a minority of people "born with" a same-sex attraction. EHNDNA laws and ordinances state sexual orientation can't be used as a reason for denying employment or to deny housing. But these laws and ordinances are in reality more of a tactic to silence and threaten anyone who defies the current cause celeb of counter-culture sexual politics. Sexual orientation ordinances can severely impact the legal liability of churches, religious institutions and Christian-owned small businesses. If the owners or pastors have a religious conscience against participating in or promoting same-sex behavior (i.e. weddings or similar services) a SOGI ordinance can force them to participate anyway, like slaves. They can also force religious institutions and Christian-owned businesses to hire openly homosexual employees even when the organization's very religion forbids homosexuality.

For those who missed it and who might happen to be fans of "conservative" U.S. West Virginia Senator (D) Joe Manchin, he cast his vote FOR an EHNDNA bill in the Senate earlier this year.

And for anyone thinking those whack targets by the "gay mafia" are always Republicans, think again. Conservative Jesus-loving, natural-marriage advocating Democrats are learning if they want to keep their offices they better not get cross ways with their gay-friendly overseers in Charleston and in D.C. More than one of the conservative "West Virginia" Democrats lost their primary races to better funded, more gay-friendly Democrats.

SOGI ordinances are more commonly known to conservatives as "bathroom bills." That's because they often add a "Questioning my sexual identity" category to the list of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual



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and Transgendered categories claiming a need for special protections. Those questioning sometimes identify with a sex other than the anatomical sex they are born with.

Along with expensive accommodation requirements on businesses these SOGI ordinances can allow grown men questioning their sexuality, into the little girls restrooms at your daughter's school or into the women's locker rooms at your gym. It can also allow two perfectly straight 14-yr-old boys to game the system at school and "just hang" in the girl's locker room because "hey teach, like you know, I'm questioning today."

These insane ordinances are always promoted and passed in the sweet, innocuous name of fairness.

For those thinking this could never pass...well think again. EHNDAs including SOGI is the current law of the land in California, signed by the governor just this year. And to circle back to the beginning example of this piece, the same proposed law change that exposed Brendan Eich would have publically outed anyone in West Virginia donating money to oppose homosexual marriage or fight against SOGI ordinances and EHNDAs Laws.

What's the "gay mafia" up to now that "marriage equality" has been temporarily achieved here? The day after gay marriage was forced on us, a Charleston Gazette story was already set to hit the stands quoting all the usual suspects. Fairness West Virginia, Governor (D) Earl Ray Tomblin, Senate President (D) Jeff Kessler and House Delegate (D) Stephen Skinner all agreed that their top priority would now be to pass an EHNDAs bill in the next legislative session beginning on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Senate President Jeff Kessler has already introduced a similar bill several years in a row.

The Family Policy Council of West Virginia learned a couple of weeks ago that the Charleston Gazette was working on a news story about the candidates mentioned earlier for the West Virginia House of Delegates who have taken sizable campaign donations from homosexual activist organizations but before the story saw print, sources said that the Gazette reporter received a call from a powerful House Delegate discouraging the topic altogether. The story has not been seen to date. Apparently even usually friendly media members are not above getting the whack if they are working on a damning news story.

The Family Policy Council gets regular unsolicited input from homosexual apologists through our social media. Typical feedback leads us to believe that the West Virginia gay clans have been trained to believe that because we exercise our rights of religious expression and engage as their opposition in the state's policy-making process that we are soulless trolls who didn't at all appreciate the artistry of *Wicked*.

And as conservative faith lobbyists, the homosexual talking points distributed about us must include that we spend much of the winter stirring a cauldron of Christian potions in a dark bunker filled with old religious books and used priest's collars. Supposedly this bunker is where we train our religious



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zealots to patrol the streets near the gay bars with a giant black King James Bible Duct-taped to the end of a homemade baseball bat named *Wonderboy*.

For the record, never once have we swung such a holy bat, nor protested a gay bar, nor spray-painted *God Hates All Musical Theatre* on the side of someone's Prius.

However...at times the staff of the Family Policy Council of West Virginia needs actual live security officers to keep a watchful eye. Militant members of the homosexual activist underbelly have been convicted of terrorism and attempted murder of our federal colleagues in Washington. Gay activists have thrown Molotov cocktails through the living room window of our Delaware Family Policy Council's president's home and shot out the windows of her car for politely opposing an EHND law.

Phoenix homosexual groups sent angry mobs to our Arizona headquarters demanding that the FPC leader be brought outside for a time of reckoning simply for proposing a state version of the Federal Religious Reformation and Restoration Act that Ted Kennedy wrote and President Clinton signed into law.

Because of our commitment to defending Biblical truth on life, parental rights, school choice and natural marriage, Family Policy Council staff and families have repeatedly been targeted by violence and harassment nationwide. Earlier this year a homosexual activist used a loophole in Facebook to deface our page for more than a week with dozens of photos of the Virgin Mary performing a sex act on an adult image of Jesus.

Who do we fear that we need security? Are we watchful for Jack, the zany homosexual character from *Will & Grace* with his hilarious verbal zingers? Are we afraid of the neurotic, homosexual odd couple from CBS's popular *Modern Family* as they just ask to be accepted and to be able raise their cute-as-a-button baby girl like any other father and umm...father? No, of course not.

Those intentionally disarming homosexual characters along with most on TV are created with Disney-like innocence or Yoda-like relational wisdom. Their charms and humorous glitter entice a merciful television audience into sympathy for a new harmless "minority." "Come on they're just an overly groomed group who could never rise to the highest offices in the state." A minority of unprotected souls such as these could never intimidate elected officials. They wouldn't impact newspapers with manipulative scheming and power brokering while unleashing sweeping, socially deconstructive policy on the citizenry. How could *Will and Grace* and zany Jack possibly ever do that?

The mainstream media continuously re-publish the carefully created screenplay so that these fuzzy little characters are always portrayed simply as a tender class of our most vulnerable. The most poignant line of the play is always "homosexual activists are just the newest Rosa Parks and need protection from we anti-same-sex bus drivers harshly ordering them to the back."

But as natural marriage advocates who do we really fear? We lobby for many causes and it's not the angry senior citizen perhaps incensed by a fear mongering commercial on TV threatening the end of



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her Medicare that we need security against. We don't fear the tatted up skaters passing by with their signs that say *Vote Yes on Medical Marijuana*.

But we should and do fear people like convicted homosexual activist and domestic terrorist Lloyd Corkins. He is a vicious killer who in D.C. in 2012 was directed to our Family Research offices because a "civil rights watchdog group" had labeled them as an anti-gay hate group. He started shooting. First he shot an African-American staffer and according to his cold-blooded confession later, planned to kill as many as he could and then rub a backpack full of Chick-fil-A sandwiches in the face of each murdered man and woman. After he was apprehended the coward began to cry and said to his shooting victim, "This wasn't about you personally it was just about the politics of this place!"

We do fear Bill Maher's "gay mafia." And they are poised to add to their foot soldiers in West Virginia's organized political "family." We've named ten or more same-sex advocates already holding or hoping to win office this year. How many more will be elected in the Mountain State?

Polling shows that 79% of West Virginians want nothing to do with "progressive" same-sex policy changes yet the non-voting family of God sits and frets. And one of the biggest whacks has already happened to the church.

Many of West Virginia's pastors have been indoctrinated to believe that they somehow can lose their church's tax-exempt status by endorsing pro-faith candidates and/or condemning activist candidates who oppose biblical principles. But no church in America has ever lost their tax-exempt status for such reasons.

So pastors have self-neutered their First Amendment right of free speech under the threat from the paper tiger of the IRS. And the trend of 20% voting rates by the church will continue unless pastors from the pulpit, go beyond identifying same-sex activists. They need to also point out candidates who are drunks and adulterers and tax cheats and proud, regardless of political affiliation.

There is a way to fight back against this wave of politicians.

Maybe a whack of hard truth is needed here from the Family Policy Council to pastors.

Preach like you don't need their money.