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Belgrade

The latest World Congress of Families Regional Conference in Serbia has been scheduled for September 16-18 in the beautiful city of Belgrade. The Serbian Parliament is a possible venue.

The host is Dveri, a longtime WCF Partner. Nemanja Zaric is the organizer.

Invitations to the conference have been extended to dignitaries, MPs, journalists and other members of the media, scholars and NGOs that share the natural-family agenda. Between 150 and 200 are expected to attend, not including MPs and reporters.

Topics include:

- Demographic Winter in Serbia and around the world
- Pro-family strategies and government policies
- The future of pro-family politics in Serbia
- Critical analysis of proposed Serbian Civil Code (in regards to surrogacy, euthanasia, parental rights etc.)
- The Independent Global Index on the Family
- Position of natural family in the European Union, Russian Federation and Georgia
- Defending family rights

International speakers include: WCF Coalitions Director Don Feder, Alexey Komov (WCF Representative in Russia and the CIS), WCF X Chairman Levan Vasadze, Luca Volonte of the Novae Terra Foundation, and WCF Representative Fabrice Sorlin. Yet to be announced speakers from Serbia and the Balkans will include lawmakers, psychologists, physicians and representatives of NGOs.

For more information, contact Nemanja Zaric by [clicking here](#).
[Click here](#) for the Dveri site, in Serbian.



Serbian Parliament



Regional Conferences Planned for Belgrade and Nairobi in September

Nairobi

The World Congress of Families African Regional Conference – “The Future of the Family in Africa” – will take place in Nairobi at the Hotel Intercontinental, September 23-25. The conference is being organized by The Organization for African Families, with the support of the Foundation for African Cultural Heritage, The Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the Ministry of Labor, African Community and Social Protection.

Among the international speakers are: Theresa Okafor (Foundation for African Cultural Heritage and WCF Representative in Africa), Sharon Slater (President of Family Watch International, and Don Feder (WCF Coalitions Director and Coordinator of Regional Conferences).

Among the African speakers are: Bishop Salesius Mugambi (Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops) – Mrs. Lydia Muriuki (Ministry of Labor, East African Community and Social Protection) – Raymond Mutura (Voice of the Family, Africa) – Dr. Luis Franchesci (Strathmore University Law School) – Dr. Daniel Gakunga (University of Nairobi School of Education) – Dr. Wahome Ngare (Kenya Christian Professionals Forum) – Felix Forzeh (Global Institute for Family Integrity, Cameroon) – Stephen Langa (Family Life Network, Uganda) – Sinethemba Sholwana (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, South Africa) – Edward Kwakye (Edward Kwakye Pro-Life Foundation, Ghana) – Samsun Mundia (Global Institute For Family Integrity) – Nkechi Asagwa, Nigeria – Fr. Charles Kinyua (Head of Communications, Radio Waumini, Kenya) – Victor Salamba

(Catholic Archdiocese of Nairobi- Family Life) and Dominic George (Youth Leader Kenya).

The conference will consider multiple threats to the African family, including:

- Western pressure to legalize abortion and same-sex “unions”*
- Female genital mutilation*
- Domestic Violence*
- Comprehensive Sexuality Education*
- Pornography*
- Human trafficking*
- Erosion of parental rights and responsibilities*
- Media attacks on the family*
- Population Control, including lethal methods of contraception*
- Demographic Winter in the West*

[Click here](#) to register.

The Kenya Christian Professionals Forum – which sponsored the 2015 WCF Regional Conference in Nairobi – is hosting a private breakfast for clergy and legislators, as a parallel event. [Click here](#) for the KCPF Facebook page.



Why Organize a World Congress of Families Regional Event?

1. To publicize your organization and its activities
2. To recruit new members
3. To train activists and leaders
4. To publicize your group’s positions on crucial issues being debated in your nation or region: marriage, parental rights, freedom of education, efforts of international bodies to undermine the autonomy of the natural family, sex education curricula, life issues (abortion, euthanasia, cloning, etc.) and demographics (declining fertility/demographic winter)
5. To link your organization to a growing international network of pro-family/pro-life groups through World Congress of Families.



6. To enhance your credibility through a joint project with an international organization that



WCF Conference in Barbados, 2016

has organized nine successful World Congresses of Families, on three continents, since 1997, as well a dozens of regional events from Vancouver to Moscow, London to Latvia and Barbados to Nigeria.

What World Congress of Families Can Do to Facilitate a Regional Conference

1. WCF can publicize your event to an international audience, including leaders and activists from over 80

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nations (through World Congress of Families News and our weekly Leadership Memos). We can also link to your website.

2.WCF can put you in touch with experts who can speak authoritatively on various topics – or even make the initial contact to gauge their interest and availability.

3.WCF can advise you on organizing the conference and try to address your specific concerns.

4.WCF can help you to connect with other organizations, in your country and region.

5.We can help you to devise a realistic budget.

6.Last, but certainly not least, using the World Congress of Families name and logo gives you the credibility of having

your event associated with the largest worldwide alliance of pro-family organizations, which has held nine successful World Congresses on three continents, and dozens of regional events in the last 17 years.



The above is excerpted from the publication “How to Organize a World Congress of Families Regional Event. [Click here](#) for the full report.

If you have other questions, you can contact WCF Coalitions Director and Coordinator of Regional Events at dfeder@rcn.com.

Second March for Marriage on Anniversary of SCOTUS Same-Sex “Marriage” Ruling

The Second Annual March for Marriage took place in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, June 25 – the first anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in Obergefell v. Hodges, which mandated genderless marriage nationwide and overturned the results of 32 state marriage-protection referenda.



The March kicked off with a rally at noon on the Capitol Grounds. Between 1 and 2 pm, participants marched from the United States Capitol to the Supreme Court. The March included bagpipers from the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property.

Speakers at the rally included religious liberty advocate Kassie Dulan, who told the crowd: “Society will tell you that I’m a bit of a dying breed,” but “there are hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of young people across America” who believe in natural marriage.

The rally opened with a prayer by Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for Military Services, who prayed for the victims of the Orlando attack and their families. Bishop Broglio told LifeSiteNews that so-called “gender-neutral” bathrooms go against common sense. “And, of course, common sense is the least

common thing around. It’s problematical for the privacy of women; it’s problematical for everyone, I think.”

Father John Oliver of the Orthodox Church in America found a ray of hope in the success of sexual radicals. Father Oliver reasoned: “If America is in moral decline, if respect for human dignity runs cold,

if our discourse is coarsening, if basic kindness is withering under rampant individualism, if sexual confusion is the new norm, if secularism increasingly defines our laws and institutions, if traditional marriage and family are falling from public favor.... It is also slipping toward the very conditions in which the early Christian faith thrived.”

In a statement released prior to the march, Brian Brown – president of both the National Organization for Marriage and World Congress of Families – explained that the goal of this year’s march is “to protest the unprecedented and egregiously incorrect ruling of the narrow majority in Obergefell, as well as to advocate defense in law for the rights of people of faith to abide by their consciences and the mandates of their religion when it comes to recognizing or

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 9–11 –

Values Voter Summit
www.valuesvotersummit.org/

September 16—18 –

World Congress of Families Regional Conference in Belgrade
nogo.srdjan@gmail.com

September 23-25 –

WCF Regional Conference in Nairobi,
[click here](#)

Sept. 29-October 1 –

Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Summit in Dallas, [click here](#)

October 15 –

Deadline for submitting proposals for World Congress of Families XI
larry@worldcongress.org

December 11 –

Deadline for submitting signatures on the *Mum, Dad and Kids petition*

December –

WCF Regional Conference in Cape Town
larry@worldcongress.org

October 2017 –

(tentative) WCF Caribbean Regional Conference in Georgetown, Guyana
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participating in the solemnization of same-sex ‘marriages.’”

“We also gave voice to the vast majority of Americans who object to the recent attempts by the federal government to impose a radical LGBT agenda on our communities by giving access to intimate facilities reserved for women and girls to men who ‘identify’ as female, a policy that would put our wives and daughters at risk, and condition all of our children from an early age to deny that there is any difference or complementarity between the sexes.”

For more information on the Second Annual March for Marriage, [click here](#) for a story in the June 27 LifeSiteNews.

The March was organized by the National Organization for Marriage, a World Congress of Families Partner. [Click here](#) for the NOM website.



A Short Message from Our New President, Brian Brown:

It was at WCF VI in Madrid (2012) that I realized first-hand the power of the worldwide pro-family movement. Under the bluest of Spanish skies, with laughter and song as our backdrop, thousands of parents and children, politicians and activists of diverse backgrounds, religions, and nationalities all united together under the banner of that most powerful of human goods: the natural family.

I've been to every Congress since Madrid, and I've been blessed to have the chance to work closely with the pro-family leaders I first met there. I've seen how WCF is equipping the next generation of leaders to go back to their countries and stand boldly for the immutable truths of family, life, and faith.

It's an honor to be following in the footsteps of my hero Allan Carlson in leading an organization that has truly helped to change the world for the better. I'll have more to say in the weeks and months ahead about our future.

You'll learn about the exciting pro-family projects being conducted all over the world and how you can support them.

Like me, many leaders of pro-family organizations around the world rely heavily on the World Congress of Families for training and support. Will you help us equip the next generation of pro-family leaders by making a tax-deductible contribution today?

I look forward to working with you in this great cause: to defend and promote the natural family worldwide.



God bless,
Brian Brown,
World Congress of Families President

PS — Please take a moment to show your support for WCF by making a donation to support our work at <https://actright.com/cause/worldcongress>

WCF depends on voluntary contributions from friends like you; we receive no government funding.

Interviews with WCF Leaders in New Documentary on Public Education and Home-Schooling

Alexey Komov (WCF Representative in Russia and the CIS) has produced a hard-hitting new documentary on growing totalitarianism in public education and how this can be countered by home-schooling. The film examines public education in countries of the former Soviet Union and shows how NGOs associated with George Soros are smuggling controversial sexuality education into the curriculum.

It also exposes the more advanced state of indoctrination in the United States. WCF President Brian Brown, who has home-schooled his own children, warns that it's dangerous to send children to public schools – “dangerous to their faith, dangerous to their morals.”

The documentary also includes interviews with WCF Founder Allan Carlson, Michael Donnelly (Director of Global Outreach of the Home School Legal Defense Association, a WCF Partner), Levan Vasadze (chairman of WCF X/Tbilisi), Brian Ray (Founder and President of the Home Education Research Institute), Austin Ruse (President of the Center for Family and Human Rights) and Archpriest Dmitry Smirnoff of the Patriarch's Commission on the Family.

The 20-minute documentary can be seen [here](#).



Alexey Komov

World Congress of Families Salta, Argentina Conference an Unqualified Success

World Congress of Families' first regional conference in Argentina (in Salta, June 14-15) had an exciting lineup of speakers, among them:

Msgr. Ignacio Carrasco de Paula (President of the Pontifical Academy for Life), Prince Dom Bertrand de Orleans e Bragança (Brazil), Norma Mendoza-Alexandry (Mexico, Latin American Representative of Family Watch International), Diego von Stauffenberg (Director of Public Affairs, National Organization for Marriage, representing World Congress of Families), Angélica María Sarmiento, M.D. (Paraguayan expert on infertility), Oscar Botta, M.D. (former Secretary of Public Health of San Miguel, Argentina, affiliated with Human Life International), Aurelio Garcia Elorrio (state legislator, Argentina, expert in bioethics), Henry Boys Loeb (founder of Dreaming of Chile's Future), María Rosa Marcone (Argentine political leader) and Prof. Federico A. Nazar, the conference organizer.

Prof. Nazar explained: “The conference was an opportunity to join groups and organizations from different countries in South America in a true ‘brotherhood’ with WCF.”

Nazar continued: “The WCF event-based marketing strategy is brilliant! It gets priceless press coverage for the natural family message – TV, radio newspapers, etc. It helps to reinforce the message of Pope Francis, together with other great religious leaders, who are trying to promote exactly the same dialogue as WCF, including natural law, science and rational arguments to effectively defend life and



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family.”

Norma Mendoza-Alexandry stated: “It was an honor for me to participate on behalf of Family Watch International in the Argentine conference and to be able to warn parents and religious and community leaders of the harms of comprehensive sexuality education (CSE). Our message was well received, and as a result of the conference, our new documentary, “The War on Children,” will now to be shown on TV in Argentina to warn even more parents.”

Prof. Nazar observed: “Dr. Sarmiento showed the serious long term effects of contraception, including infertility, cancer, stroke, etc. She explained how in vitro fertilization results in the death of dozens of unborn human beings for each successful birth, through selection, disposal or freezing of embryos.”

Nazar explained why a 2.1 Total Fertility Rate is below effective replacement levels, even for developed countries, not only due to higher death rates for women (e.g. contraception and legal-abortion related) but also to current trends in family deconstruction, violence, social instability, disabilities, mental health.

World Congress of Families Managing Director Larry Jacobs congratulated Nazar for “raising the natural family banner in South America.”

Jacobs told Nazar: “Salta was our first conference in Argentina and only the second in Latin America. WCF may be the first international nondenominational pro-family organization to do an event in Argentina – thanks to your vision, leadership and hard work.”

“We are proud to be allied with you in this historic endeavor. We will continue to work together to build on the success of the first WCF Regional Conference in Argentina.”

Professor Nazar was presented with the World Congress of Families Natural Family Award.

[Click here](#) to contact Federico Nazar.

[Click here](#) to view the FWI documentary on Comprehensive Sexuality Education (“The War on Children”). The 10-minute and 35-minute versions are available in English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Romanian and Lithuanian. Family Watch International is a WCF Partner.



Professor Federico Nazar



Mendoza, Carrasco and Sarmiento



Diego Von Stauffenberg

Upcoming Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Summit in Dallas

The Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation (CESE) Summit gathers faith leaders, academic experts, law enforcement officials, those involved with recovery programs, and public advocates to share resources and to strategize for real-world change in the on-going war on all forms of sexual exploitation.

This year's Summit (Sept. 29-Oct.1, in Dallas, Texas) – is sure to bolster efforts to combat pornography, sex trafficking, prostitution, child sexual abuse, sexual violence, sexualized media, and more. In fact, the theme of the Summit is to expose the seamless connections between all forms of sexual exploitation.

Sessions will address human trafficking as a crime against humanity (**Taina Bien-Aimé**, Coalition Against Trafficking In Women), how churches can deal with the problem of pornography (**Josh McDowell**, Josh McDowell Ministries), why prostitution is not “work” (**Karen Countryman-Roswurm**, LMSW, Ph.D.) and more.

[Click here](#) for the full program and schedule of speakers.

Whether you are just getting involved in these issues, or an experienced leader, this event will not only inform and assist your efforts in practical ways, but it will also inspire and equip you.

At the CESE Summit, you can expect:

Networking with results - Meaningful partnerships are made at CESE Summits every year. Last year, strategic relationships from the Summit helped Utah pass a resolution declaring pornography a public health crisis, and this year we hope for even greater victories.

The latest research - The CESE Summit is a great place to ensure you have the latest research and statistics for your field. It's also an opportunity to learn more about other areas of exploitation that impact your community.

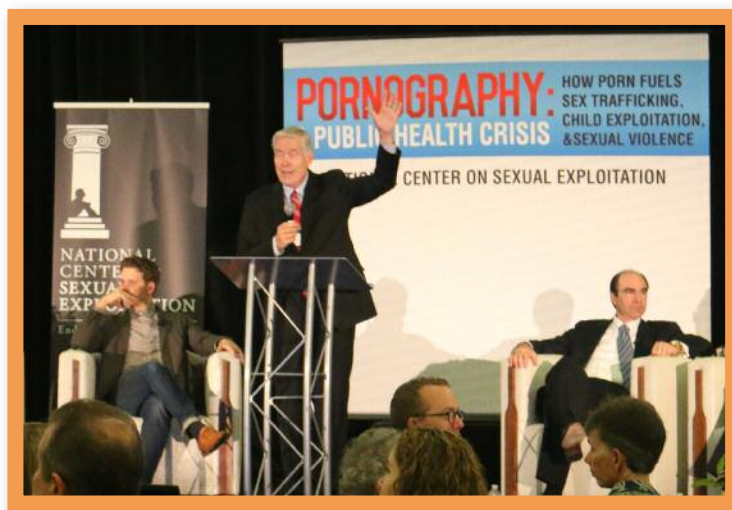
Organizational training - From fundraising strategies to TV interviews, and more, the CESE Summit will provide several practical workshops to help ensure that your organization runs smoothly.



Share our victories - There are so many success stories happening in the movement to end sexual exploitation that you wouldn't hear about if activists didn't gather together. Come to the Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Summit to get encouraged and refreshed for another year of this vital work.

Visit the [website](#) to learn more and register to save your spot.

The National Center on Sexual Exploitation is a World Congress of Families Partner.



National Center on Sexual Exploitation President Patrick Trueman

Videos from World Congress of Families X

The Organizing Committee for World Congress of Families X, Tbilisi (May 15-17, 2016) is in the process of uploading onto YouTube all of the speeches from this remarkable Congress.

Brian Brown – President, World Congress of Families and the National Organization for Marriage

Larry Jacobs – WCF Managing Director, reading a letter to the Congress from former President George W. Bush

Levan Vasadze – Chairman, WCF X

Antoni Szymanski – member of the Polish Senate

Alessandro Fiore – Pro-Vita, Italy

Luca Volonte – President, Novae Terrae Foundation

Fr. Josiah Trenham – Member of the Secretariat, U.S. Assembly of Orthodox Bishops

Babette Francis – Overseas Coordinator, Endeavour Forum (Australia)

Igor Dodon – Member of the Parliament, Republic of Moldova

Christine Vollmer – President, Latin American Alliance for the Family

Allan Carlson – WCF Founder

Gabrielle Kuby – author of “The Global Sexual Revolution”

Ignacio Arsuaga – CitizenGo

[Click this link](#) for videos of these speakers and more.

We hope to have links to more of the WCF X speeches in the next World Congress of Families News.



Brian Brown



Larry Jacobs



Levan Vasadze



Luca Volonte



This continues our regular feature celebrating the women and men who have contributed to the growing success of the international pro-family movement.

Frank Schubert

Frank Schubert has twice been named America's top public affairs professional and has been a sought-after advisor to corporations, trade associations and other clients, helping them shape public opinion and secure favorable consideration of legislative proposals, regulatory matters and scores of referendum votes.

Then something happened in 2008 that would not only change his public affairs consultancy, but change his life: Schubert was hired to manage the successful Proposition 8 campaign defining marriage in California as the union of one man and one woman.

Proposition 8 gained international attention, shocking people around the globe who discovered that the notoriously liberal electorate in California had voted to uphold traditional marriage.

"As a practicing Catholic, my involvement in social issues consisted of privately supporting various Catholic groups," Schubert said. "But through Proposition 8, my support of marriage became extremely public. The more I came to realize how important the public purposes of marriage are to society, the more convinced I became that marriage should be preserved and promoted, not redefined and marginalized."

Following the Prop 8 campaign, Schubert was recruited by NOM President Brian Brown to serve as the National Organization for Marriage's political director. Together they won many victories including a statewide referendum fight for marriage in Maine (another notoriously liberal state); recall of three state Supreme Court justices in Iowa, including the Chief Justice, for imposing gay 'marriage' in that state; and voter enactment of a constitutional amendment on marriage in North Carolina.

But Schubert's success on marriage created a conflict regarding the future direction of his public affairs practice. Working on pro-family issues put him at odds with the secular left, making some potential clients reticent to hire his company out of fear of being harassed. At the same time, pro-family issues were emerging on ballots and in the public square. Schubert realized that growing his public affairs firm meant he would have to stop working on social issues.

"After much prayer and discussion with my wife, I concluded that it was probably not an accident that social issues in need of competent professional assistance were emerging on the scene at the very same time as I felt a calling to



Maria Hildingsson

Maria Hildingsson was born in Sweden in 1978. She moved to France in 1997 and then to Belgium in 2010. Since 2009 she had been the Secretary General of the European Federation of Catholic Family Associations in Europe (FAFCE), an NGO founded in 1997 which

represents Catholic Family Associations in 16 European countries. FAFCE was granted participatory status with the Council of Europe in 2001.

Mrs Hildingsson, who previously worked for the French Catholic Family Associations (founded in 1905), was entrusted with the task of opening FAFCE's office in Brussels and building its network.

"It has been a tremendous and exciting task, providing the opportunity to meet with top politicians and officials, and presenting them with our proposals on how to make European policies more family friendly. Family is a highly personal topic, and also of concern to all. This makes it a challenge to promote, especially when you're identified as a Catholic in Brussels," says Hildingsson who was designated one of the 2015 Catholics of the Year by Vatican Insider because of her pro-family work.

Among her achievements in Brussels, the best-known is Mrs Hildingsson's contribution to the defeat of the Estrela Report in 2013, in which she and her organization played a key role.

The Estrela Report sought to establish abortion as a fundamental right in EU and promoted compulsory sexuality education in primary and secondary schools, over the objections of parents, students and educators. It also promoted a fundamental right to abortion, access to contraception and highly criticized sexual education material from the World Health Organization Regional Office in Europe that includes teaching children to masturbate.

The Estrela Report campaign was not only a great victory, it also helped mobilize NGOs and



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Family in America Highlights Economic Consequences of Delayed Marriage

The Family in America: A Journal of Public Policy is the flagship publication of The Howard Center for Family, Religion & Society, a non-profit research center located in Rockford, Illinois. The journal publishes articles which explain that the natural family is the fundamental unit of society, and present research and analysis supporting that proposition.

Each issue of The Family in America features essays by prominent scholars on subjects ranging from a family-centered farm bill to a reevaluation of radical feminism, and from the continued ill effects of divorce and family breakdown to the positive effects of marriage and child-bearing. Each issue also contains a book review section and closes with the ever-popular New Research – brief synopses of the most up-to-date scholarship on family-related subjects.

Here are a few excerpts from a recently featured story in the Winter 2016 issue: “For Love or Money: The Economic Consequences of Delayed Marriage,” by Jason Carroll,

“It has been well documented that over the last few decades we have seen a substantial increase in the median age of marriage in the United States. In fact, we are currently at all-time historic highs in these trends. According to the Current Population Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau, the

median age of marriage right now is nearly 29 years for men and 27 years for women.”

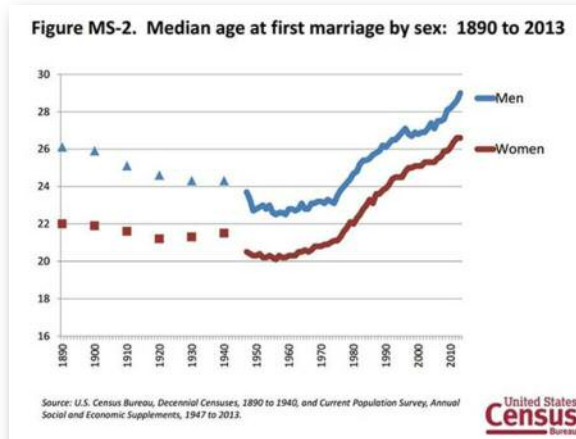
“It is generally assumed by many that this delay of marriage is a positive trend and that later marriage provides more time for maturation and preparation—especially in regards to economic or career readiness. For these reasons, delayed marriage is actively promoted by parents and others. However, some emerging evidence may challenge this assumption. Particularly when we consider patterns of family formation, family stability, and child well-being, there appear to be some significant trade-offs associated with the delay of marriage. These trade-offs are significant enough, in fact, that the path many young adults are pursuing in an effort to be better prepared for lasting marriage and to have a successful family life is actually producing the opposite of what they intend.”

This article in its entirety is available [here](#).

Other featured articles include: “Strong Families, Prosperous States” by W.

Bradford Wilcox, “The Scientific Objectivity of Gender Difference” by Glenn T. Stanton, and “Social and Economic Costs of Legal Abortion” by John D. Mueller.

[Click here](#) to subscribe or call the Howard Center at 815-964-5819.



Ruth Institute Statement on DOJ Guidelines to “Ensure the Civil Rights of Transgender Students”

In response to proposed guideline by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Ruth Institute issued the following demurer:

The Ruth Institute objects to these far-reaching Guidelines of questionable legality. Among our chief concerns:

- § These Guidelines, if implemented, will not actually help real children, struggling with unique and complex issues, such as Intersex students and students who experience Gender Dysphoria.
- § The Guidelines permit students to present themselves as “transgender,” without the knowledge of their parents, and without any adult input at all.
- § The Guidelines create a class of students called, “Transgender” which is a politically defined and not a medically defined class. The government has no competency to do such a thing.
- § These Guidelines, if implemented, will certainly harm the millions of ordinary children who are not struggling with gender identity issues at this time.



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Frank Schubert

devote my expertise to working on them,” Schubert says.

Schubert left his firm and formed a new consultancy, Mission: Public Affairs, that is focused on pro-family issues. He’s since worked on marriage, life and religious liberty issues, as well as opposing assisted suicide and attempts by LGBT extremists to impose their “gender identity” agenda. He has spoken at a number of pro-family events, including World Congress of Families IX in Salt Lake City, and at various pro-family gatherings in the US and Europe.

“The ability to dedicate my professional life to pro-family issues has been a tremendous blessing,” Schubert said. “Not only do I feel called to these issues, but deepening my own understanding of their importance has helped make me a better man.”

Frank Schubert and his wife, Maryann, have three children and three grandchildren, and live in northern California.

There’s more information on Frank’s work at www.missionpublicaffairs.com.

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Maria Hildingsson

grassroots leaders and activists across Europe to an extent never before seen on a pro-life issue. It was clearly a game-changer in the European context and I am proud to have been part of this battle,” says Hildingsson.

Mrs Hildingsson is one of the seven European marriage advocates who have launched the European Citizens Initiative, Mum, Dad & Kids – a European-wide initiative for the protection of marriage and family in the EU, where there’s growing the pressure from the LGBT lobby to introduce new definitions of marriage and family.

Mum, Dad & Kids offers an opportunity for the grassroots to express their support for marriage and family, and asks the EU not to pressure member-states on these issues.

“Marriage and family have become a political battleground in Europe and it is shocking to see how European institutions react. This initiative is badly needed to express popular support for marriage and family,” says Hildingsson, who is in charge of public relations for the initiative in Brussels.

Maria Hildingsson is married to Tobias Teuscher, a former secretary of the European Parliament Family Intergroup, now a senior official in the European Parliament.

[Click here](#) to sign the Mum, Dad & Kids initiative.

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- § These far-reaching Guidelines from the Federal government encroach on the legitimate prerogatives of states, localities and families.
- § These Guidelines were issued through a “Dear Colleague” letter, which may or may not be legally binding. Indeed, the 23 states that are suing the Department of Justice argue that such a letter is not binding on local schools.
- § School boards are well within their moral and legal rights to decline to participate in the federal government’s war against nature.

These Guidelines do not serve the interests of children. Young people are not fully developed in their sense of identity, including their sense of gender identity. Children who are so confused about who they are that they identify as something other than their bodily gender need adult supervision, and greater bodily privacy, not less of each. They would benefit from the supervision and privacy afforded by use of a single stall or staff bathroom.

The public schools have no business enlisting small children in an ideological crusade of any kind. Creating a day to day living environment that implements the most controversial plank of the transgender political regime does exactly that: enlists the children in an ideological crusade. Certainly, the federal government should not be conscripting every public school in America in an ideological movement, and drafting every public school child in America as its foot soldiers.

School boards are well within their moral and legal rights to decline to participate in the federal government’s war against nature.

For the Ruth Institute’s full statement in response to these proposed guidelines, including reference materials, [click here](#).

[The Ruth Institute](#) is a World Congress of Families Partner.

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 The Ruth Institute
 United Families International
 Worldwide Organization For Women

