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“It’s obvious that Obergefell is another Dred Scot decision which will settle nothing. Justice Anthony Kennedy can’t change the obvious fact that humans are what Aristotle called ‘conjugal animals,’ any more than Justice Roger Taney could change

man’s nature as a ‘rational animal’ – a fact which Abraham Lincoln tellingly proved by the fact that though many defended slavery of African Americans as a positive good, not one would take that ‘good’ by becoming a slave himself.” – **John Mueller, Ethics and Public Policy Center ***



Obama lights White House in rainbow colors

“The lawless justices have created a legal machine that, unless turned back, will transform this country into a place where conscientious objection in the culture wars will soon cease to be an option.” – **Robert Knight, author and columnist**

“The ground may be shifting, but we must model healthy marriage, live our faith, and teach both to our children.” – **Laura Bunker, president, United Families International ***

“Children still need a mother and father. Society’s irreplaceable foundation is still marriage between a man and a woman. Even the Supreme Court can’t change that.” – **E. Douglas Clark, Director of UN Affairs, World Congress of Families**

“The arrogant decision by five US Supreme Court justices equating marriage with homosexual liaisons is a travesty of law, justice and morality and is on a par with President Obama flying rainbow flags celebrating homosexuality alongside the Stars and Stripes at US embassies and consulates.” – **Babette Francis, National & Overseas Coordinator, Endeavour Forum Inc. (Australia)***

“This decision confirms the fast-fading illusion of democracy. As in Europe, where dictatorial decisions are taken against the manifest will of the people, in the USA elitist judges rule against the culture and will of the people.” – **Christine Vollmer, President, Latin American Alliance for the Family (Venezuela) ***

The U.S. Supreme Court didn’t ‘legalize’ so-called

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same-sex marriage. There is no more right for people of the same-sex to marry in the Fourteenth Amendment than there is a right to abortion in the First Amendment. As they did in 1973, five 'lawyers in black robes' (in the words of Chief Justice John Roberts) misused their power to nullify democracy." – **Don Feder, WCF Coalitions Director and Coordinator of Regional Conferences**

"The decision of the Supreme Court on marriage is a social irresponsibility. It means the self destruction of a country's society. It shows the political and judicial weakness under certain minorities' pressure. In Spain we know what it means. We are sorry for the United States; it has started to walk a sad path. Let's keep working together. It is just a battle lost, not the war. And the final victory is ours. We have already won it." – **Lenor Tamayo, Professionals for Ethics (Spain)**

"The ruling from the Supreme Court on same-sex marriage was nothing more than the thoughts of 'five unelected lawyers,' in the words of Chief Justice Roberts, trying to impose their will on 350 million Americans. Like Dredd Scott and Buck v. Bell, it denies God's natural law, not to mention 6,000 years of

history and Biblical revelation, and as such it should be disrespected. When forced to obey God's law or man's, I will choose God!" – **Rick Scarborough, president, Vision America Action ***



"The American spirit will reinforce itself and all people will seek the best way to redouble reasons and efforts to face this new challenge. The Supreme Court decision shows us that we are living in a crisis time for our democracy, where the judicial power has absorbed the legal and executive too. A time where elites are trying to govern people and impose their sexual appetites as a golden rule for all.

From the Supreme Court decision will arise a 'world family alliance' to rebuild our society and civilization." – **Luca Volonte, president, Novae Terra Foundation, former leader in the EU parliament (Italy) ***

"Let this be remembered as the day that it became official: The United States is no longer a nation of laws, but a nation of the will of the powerful. When duly passed state laws can be reversed on a whim, giving the government power to redefine an institution that preceded it by thousands of years, we are a deeply, and now perhaps irrevocably, broken nation.

"With the same political powers who have been forcing this absurd redefinition of marriage now openly expressing their unwillingness to protect religious freedom, the stage is set for a cold civil war, with the battle lines running not from north to south, but through families, communities,

businesses and institutions. This is not the first time the courts have rejected the law of nature and

nature's God, but it is perhaps the most flagrant such rejection, and it is time for Christians to realize that if they do not unite and fight now, that their very beliefs will be outlawed.

"The government cannot redefine marriage, regardless of what some court or some law says. With peaceful and joyful hearts we affirm that it is time to fight, not to despair. This has only just begun." – **Fr. Shenan Boquet, president of Human Life International ***

"The Obergefell v Hodges decision that imposed same-sex 'marriage' on America by judicial fiat is 'profoundly immoral and unjust,' as Archbishop Kurtz said. The sacred institution of marriage suffered a tremendous blow. In doing so, the court rejects God and His law. In this decision, the court's skewed understanding of liberty, informed by moral relativism, provokes God's wrath upon our nation, and cannot be respected. This ruling consummates a collective sin of our nation, which is now on the cusp of religious persecution. Christians must resist this unjust law. Nevertheless, if we resist as we should, we can count on the incredible assistance of God, Who in the end conquers all. Let us go forward confident in God's final victory." – **C. Preston Noell, president, Tradition, Family and Property ***

"The Supreme Court's decision to legalize same sex marriage in the United States will ultimately transform lessons and discussions on marriage and relationships in schools and other social environments. We admonish families throughout the United States to remember their religious liberties guaranteed in the Constitution and to teach their children about their religious rights. We also suggest that parents engage in deliberate and ongoing dialogue with their children about the divine purpose of marriage and God's desire that we all treat each other with civility no matter our differences of opinion on the issue. The impact this ruling could potentially have on the consciences of the children is of great concern to the WOW organization." – **Nicholeen Peck, president Worldwide Organization for Women ***

"The SCOTUS ruling highlights the importance of promoting covenant marriage to the emerging millennial generation as the only natural sustaining foundation for the future of our civilization." – **Justin Murff - Chairman, Millennials for Marriage**

"The court has changed public policy on marriage, but has not changed human nature. Same-sex marriage advocates can celebrate all they want. But they will run



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up against the pain and grief nature itself imparts to those who defy it.” – **Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life; President, National Pro-life Religious Council**

“I have been very disappointed to learn about the Supreme Court's marriage decision. It reminded me what happened in France two years ago despite the opposition of a large majority of French people.

As for France, this decision is going to ruin the last social landmarks and jeopardize the future of our Civilization.

Carry on the fight, as we use to say in France, and we will succeed because we have natural law with us.” – **Fabrice Sorlin, WCF in Representative in France**

“....For mere Christians, the issue actually lies at a different level. Authentic Christianity has never been a ‘national’ movement. Whether viewed from a spiritual or a political perspective, the Christian communion has always been transnational. While paying necessary deference to the array of ‘Caesars’ that history has raised (or thrown) up, Christian truth transcends them all....

...Viewed this way, same-sex marriage is merely the current enthusiasm of a relatively small number of deracinated, secularized, mostly childless, and largely white elites. The push for this novelty has been most successful in Western Europe, where the culture of death appears to be secure. Even ‘conservatives’ there, such as Angela Merkel and David Cameron, have signed their own pacts with the devil on this and related ‘family matters.

...The twenty-first Christian century should actually be an exciting time to be alive for believers called to witness to the Truth. Despair is useless. Hope is certain. Draw strength from your Christian brothers and sisters in other lands in a spirited defense of God's created order!” – **Dr. Allan Carlson, founder of World Congress of Families and The Howard Center for Family, Religion & Society (quote from Touchstone Magazine)**



“Though expected, today's decision is completely illegitimate. We reject it and so will the American people. It represents nothing but judicial activism, legislating from the bench, with a bare majority of the Justices on the Supreme Court exercising raw political power to impose their own preferences on marriage when they have no constitutional authority to do so. It is a lawless ruling that contravenes the decisions of over 50 million voters and their elected representatives. It is a decision that is reminiscent of other illegitimate Court rulings such as Dred Scott and Roe v Wade and will further plunge the Supreme Court into public disrepute.

Make no mistake about it: The National Organization for Marriage (NOM) and countless millions of Americans do not accept this ruling. Instead, we will work at every turn to reverse it.

The US Supreme Court does not have the authority to redefine something it did not create. Marriage was created long before the United States and our Constitution came into existence. Our Constitution says nothing about marriage. The majority who issued today's ruling have simply made it up out of thin air with no constitutional authority.” – **Brian S. Brown, President, National Organization for Marriage ***



“The great challenge for leaders of the believing church is to recognize that the threat to our religious liberty is not something looming in a distant future – it's now. Pastors need to assume a more prophetic stance, teaching their people that the truths of Scripture regarding human sexuality are not malleable and that neither the rulings of a court nor the pressure of secular culture should sway their allegiance to clear and authoritative biblical instruction on men, women, family, and marriage.

The most immediate political priority is defending the tax-exempt status of houses of worship and religious schools and colleges that will not accede to the legal implications of a finding that there is a constitutional ‘right’ to same-sex unions. The loss of such status would cripple Christian ministries and schools across the country. Congress needs to pass the First Amendment Defense Act, which would protect ‘those individuals and institutions who promote traditional marriage from government retaliation.’” – **Rob Schwarzwald, senior vice president, Family Research Council**

“The SCOTUS decision subverts the institution of marriage by creating a ‘right’ that doesn't exist and ignores overwhelming research showing what is best for children.” – **Sharon Slater, president, Family Watch International ***

“The decision of the US supreme Court is a rallying cry to motivate supporters for the natural family. It creates a powerful incentive to push our arguments in the cultural war.” – **Gwen Landolt, National Vice President, REAL Women of Canada***

“The critical issue that many recognize is the future of religious liberty. This nation's founding fathers fought to guarantee that liberty, and we are prepared to suffer in order to preserve that most precious of all freedoms. In fact, without religious liberty, people are not really free at all. The struggle to maintain that which our forefathers fought to provide now begins.” – **Dr. Paige Patterson, president Southwestern Baptist Theological**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 31 – Freedom Journal Institute All Lives Matter Conference, also a WCF Regional Conference, in Chicago, for more information, contact Larry Jacobs larry@worldcongress.org

August 15 – Endeavour Forum Public Meeting – Taxation Justice for Australian Families, Victoria, Australia for more information, contact Babette Francis

August 24 - 9th Annual New Zealand Forum on the Family in Auckland, New Zealand. For more information [click here](#).

September 10-12 – Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Summit in Orlando, a WCF Regional Conference, www.endexploitationmovement.com/summit-2015

September 22-25 – World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia www.worldmeeting2015.org/

September 24 – Vision America *2015 Heroes of Faith Awards*, Houston

September 22-27 – Values Voter Summit in Washington, D.C., [click here](#) for more information.

October 4-25 – Synod in Rome, “The vocation and mission of the family in the church and contemporary world.” [click here](#) for more information

October 10 – Foundation for African Cultural Heritage National Conference, Port Harcourt, Nigeria [click here](#)

October 27-30, 2015 – World Congress of Families IX, Salt Lake City [click here for more information](#)

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“The Supreme Court’s Obergefell ruling caps a growing line of decisions that undermine life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness by undermining the nature of the sexual act and of marriage. First *Griswald vs Connecticut*; then especially *Eisenstadt v Baird* which sidelined marriage over 40 years ago; then *Roe v Wade*; then the series culminating in *Obergefell*. If the future is by way of the child and the future of the child is by way of his parents’ marriage then the Supreme Court will have given us a second class nation by depriving children of their inalienable right: the marriage of their parents.” – **Patrick F. Fagan, Ph.D. Director MARRI: The Marriage and Religion Research Institute**

“It is clearly the U.S. Supreme Court’s darkest hour. If we stand up for truth, it will be our finest hour!” – **Silvio Dalla Valle, Executive Director, LSE - Association for the Defense of Christian Values (Italy)***

“SCOTUS’ marriage ruling is an abuse of power and must not be accepted. Five judges cannot change thousands of years of history or God’s definition of marriage. We’ll always keep speaking about what marriage is and always will be: the union of one man and one woman.” – **Bogdan Stanciu, Chairman, Pro Vita, Bucharest**

“The Supreme Court’s recent decision to redefine marriage reinforces the work and importance of the World Congress of Families that demonstrates, without question, the vital role the natural family plays in the welfare of children and the well-being of communities, societies, and even nations. The data, research, and message of the scholars, policy and religious leaders, as well as other family advocates who work with the WCF not only highlight the importance of a mother and a father, but also identify and address the threats of pornography, no-fault divorce, human trafficking and radical sexual agendas, as well as economic and family management challenges. Our agenda now is to exponentially increase our work and its global reach.” – **Janice Shaw Crouse, executive director, World Congress of Families IX**

“The family is the foundation of the society and should be defended and promoted so as to see society made of strong family values to reach the highest potential God created us for. As an essential building block, the family should be protected from all forms of degradation. Some of the menaces that affect the family institution include the LGBTIQ agenda, domestic violence, disruptive work practices, child abuse, pornographic media, secularism and adverse state regulations.

We are convinced that the decision by The United States Supreme Court legalizing same sex marriages is regrettable and ill-advised. The United States of America has a global responsibility to set a good example on matters of law, culture and morality.

The legalization of same sex marriages in the United States through a controversial ruling though will not change the definition of marriage in Kenya and hopefully Africa and we pray that the same attempt to redefine marriage and the family institution will not be forced on African countries.” – **Charles Kanjama quoting from a statement by the Kenya Christian Professionals Forum.**



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World Congress of Families IX (October 27-30) Announces An Exciting Initial Line-up of Speakers

World Congress of Families IX (October 27-30 in Salt Lake City) has announced an exciting lineup of speakers on the most crucial aspects of family policy. They include scholars, religious leaders, public figures, public-policy experts, political leaders, pro-life speakers and representatives of the Millennial generation. Among them are:

Outstanding Scholars

- Dr. Brad Wilcox – Director, Marriage Project,
- Dr. Pat Fagan – Marri Institute, Family Research Council
- Dr. Allan Carlson – Founder, The World Congress of Families and Howard Center for Family, Religion & Society
- Dr. Mark Regnerus – The Austin Institute
- Dr. Jason Carroll – Wheatley Institute
- Dr. Lynn Wardle – Brigham Young University

Outstanding Religious Leaders

- Archbishop Salvatore Cordelione – Catholic Archbishop, San Diego, California
- Dr. Paige Patterson, President – Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Past President, Southern Baptist Convention.
- Rev. Sammy Roderiguez, Jr. – President, National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference
- James Kushiner – Founder and Editor Touchstone and Salvo Magazines
- The Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield – Chancellor, St. Vladimir Seminary, Advisory Board, First Things.
- Father Josiah Trenham – Archbishop, St. Andrew Orthodox Christian Church, Riverside, California
- Pastor Greg Johnson – Standing Together
- Member of LDS General Authority
- Bishop Harry Jackson – President, Fellowship of International Churches
- Dr. Everett Piper – Oklahoma Wesleyan University
- Bishop Emmanuel Badejo – Africa

Public Personalities

- Nick Vujicic – Motivational Speaker without arms or legs
- Bob McCroskie – Family First New Zealand
- Rod Arquette – KNRS Radio Talk Show Host (Utah)
- Mark Lanier – International Trial Lawyer
- Christian and Stephanie Neilson – Public Speakers and Writers

Public Policy Experts

- Ignacio Arsuaga (Spain) – HazteOir and CitizenGo
- Brian Brown – National Organization for Marriage
- Jennifer Roback Morse – The Ruth Institute
- Theresa Okafor (Nigeria) – Foundation for African Cultural Heritage
- John-Henry Westen (Canada) – Author and Editor of LifeSiteNews
- Dr. Miriam Grossman – author, Unprotected

- Dr. Dorothy Patterson – Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Christine de Marcellus de Vollmer (Venezuela) – Latin American Alliance for the Family
- Don Feder – Coalitions Director, Coordinator of Regional Conferences, World Congress of Families
- Alexey Komov – World Congress of Families Representative in Russia and the CIS
- Eva and Lech Kowalewski (Poland) – Polish Federation of Pro-Life Movements
- Dr. Ted Baehr – MovieGuide
- Errol Naidoo – Family Policy Institute, South Africa
- Dr. Rick Scarborough – Vision America
- Michael Donnelly – Home School Legal Defense Fund
- John Mueller, Economist, Ethics and Public Policy Center
- Glen Stanton – Focus on the Family
- Gwendolyn Landolt, –Canadian Lawyer, REAL Women of Canada



- Stephen Phelan – Human Life International
- Bev Adair-Beets – Family First New Zealand
- Ron Nehring – Leadership Institute
- Dr. Everett Piper – Oklahoma Wesleyan University
- Babette Francis – Endeavour Forum, Australia

Political Leaders

- Luca Volonte (Italy) – European People's Party, Parliamentary Assembly
- Francisco Tatad (Philippines) – Former Majority Leader, Philippine Senate

Outstanding Pro-Life Speakers

- Dr. Charmaine Yoest – Americans United for Life
- Lila Rose – Live Action
- Dr. Alveda King – niece of Martin Luther King
- Margaret (Peggy) Hartshorn – Heartbeat International
- Joseph Meany – Human Life International
- Alex Schadenberg (Canada) – Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Outstanding Millennial Generation Speakers

- Eric Teesel – Manhattan Institute
- Jarrod Polson – UK Basketball player and author of “Living Beyond the Dream”
- Alissa Golob (Canada) – Public Personality
- Chelsen Vicari – Author, “Distortion”

Entertainers

- International Children's Choir
- The Piano Guys
- John Carlberg, Presenting G. K. Chesterton
- American Heritage Lyceum Philharmonic
- A Visit from John Adams
- Mormon Tabernacle Choir

[Click here](#) for the World Congress of Families IX website, to register or for more information.

Endeavour Forum Public Meeting – Taxation Justice for Australian Families



Joseph Bullock



Matthew Canavan



Rachel Carling-Jenkins

Endeavour Forum, a World Congress of Families Partner in Australia, will hold a public meeting on August 15th (starting at 2:30 p.m.) on "Taxation Justice for Australian Families" at the O'Hanlon Centre, Mitchell St., Mentone, Victoria, Australia 3194.

The speakers are Senator Matthew Canavan, (LNP, Qld) and Senator Joseph Bullock (ALP, WA). The meeting will be chaired by Mrs. Jenny Stokes, President, Family Council of Victoria, and the Opening Prayer will be said by Fr. Bernie McGrath. The vote of thanks will be given by Dr. Rachel Carling-Jenkins, MLC (DLP, Vic.)

Senator Matthew Canavan is a Senator in the Liberal/National Party Coalition which is a member of the government. He will be speaking on the taxation injustice to single-income families, i.e. where one parent is the breadwinner and the other a full-time homemaker who cares for the children. Under current Australian tax laws, all wage-earners get a tax-free threshold of \$18,200, so a two-income families with total earnings of \$120,000 can earn \$36,400 tax-free while a single-income family gets only \$18,200 on the same income. There are other injustices – child care for "working" mothers is subsidized, but there is little recognition of the mother who cares for her own pre-school children and does not place them in long day care.

Senator Joseph Bullock is a conservative, pro-life Senator in the Australian Labor Party - something of a rarity in that Party. He will also be speaking on taxes and both Senators will address the issue of homosexual "marriage."

All are welcome. Attendance is free but an offering will be accepted to defray expenses. RSVP: Mrs. Prue Oldham, (03) 9583 6835 or Mrs. Margaret 1792 or Mrs. Margaret Butts (03) 8588 1792.

For more information, contact Babette Francis by [clicking here](#).

New Zealand Forum On The Family in Auckland, August 24, a WCF Regional Conference

The 9th Annual New Zealand Forum on the Family will take place on August 24 from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Life Convention Center in Auckland. The Forum will bring together a national network of family-focused organizations, scholars, lobbying groups and leaders who seek to promote and protect the well-being of families, the vital role of parents, and the welfare of children.

Bob McCoskrie, National Director of Family First New Zealand (a World Congress of Families Partner) is the host. Speakers include Dr. Ryan T. Anderson, Ph.D. on 1. What is Marriage? What is the Future of Marriage and 2. Euthanasia; Always Care, Never Kill; Dr. Gregory Pike, Ph.D. also on two topics: 1. Legalizing Marijuana: a Dopey Idea and 2. Surrogacy and Reproductive Technology: for Children or Adults? and Dr. Peter Saunders on Opposing Euthanasia and International Trends.

Anderson is the author of the just-published "The Future of Marriage and Religious Liberty" and has appeared on ABC, CNN, CNBC, MSNBC and the FOX News Channel. Dr. Pike is director of the Adelaide Center for Bioethics and Culture. Dr. Saunders is the Campaign Director of the Care Not Killing Alliance, a coalition of 40 organizations in the United Kingdom.

Early-bird registration is \$99 (by August 1), full registration after that date, \$109, Early-bird for married couples \$149 and \$159 (full rate) and \$59 special student rate.

NZ FORUM ON THE FAMILY
Marriage, Life & Strong Families 2015

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Ryan T. Anderson, Ph.D.

TOPIC 1: WHAT IS MARRIAGE? WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF MARRIAGE?
TOPIC 2: EUTHANASIA - ALWAYS CARE, NEVER KILL.

OTHER SPEAKERS:
Dr. Gregory Pike, Ph.D.
Dr. Peter Saunders

Plus "FAMILY SOAPBOX"

Register online at: www.forumonthefamily.org.nz

WHAT: The 9th Annual New Zealand Forum on the Family will bring together a national network of family-focused organizations, scholars, lobbying groups, leaders and parents who seek to promote and protect the well-being of families, the vital role of parents, and the welfare of children.

WHERE: Life Convention Center, 1111 Papanui Road, Papanui, Christchurch 8013 (near the intersection of Papanui Road and the Papanui Road roundabout).

WHEN: Monday, 24th August 2015, 9:00am - 4:30pm

REGISTRATION: Early-bird registration (if registered by 1st August) is \$99 for singles and \$149 for married couples. Full registration (if registered after 1st August) is \$109 for singles and \$159 for married couples. Special student rate is \$59.

FOR MORE INFO: Call 0800 342 342 or email admin@forumonthefamily.org.nz website: www.forumonthefamily.org.nz

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World Congress of Families Answers Attacks and Misinformation in New Report

The World Congress of Families (WCF) today released "A Call for Civil Dialogue and Constructive Engagement," a 28-page report that corrects, in detail, a barrage of negative and unwarranted attacks on the WCF initiated primarily by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), particularly after the announcement of WCF's first-ever Congress in the United States in Salt Lake City, October 27-30, 2015.

The report addresses more than 25 inaccuracies, the most vicious of which is the labeling of WCF as a "hate group," and one that supports violence against LGBT individuals. Interestingly, the SPLC cites WCF's supposed involvement in an anti-gay initiative proposed in Uganda, as its reasoning for the false designation, although WCF has not maintained any relationship with the African country and had no role in any aspect of that initiative.

"WCF would never advocate violence or hatred toward any group of people," said Janice Shaw Crouse, a member of the Board of Directors of WCF and Executive Director of the World Congress on Families IX. "Facts do matter and it is unfortunate that any organization would attempt to tarnish the reputation of WCF to further an agenda, rather than engage in thoughtful and honest public debate and recognize the work that WCF performs on behalf of children and families throughout the world."

The report also exposes efforts by HRC to associate with the WCF the statements of individuals and organizations that did not speak for nor were sanctioned by the WCF.



Further, the report addresses a number of false claims that WCF supported violence in Russia against gays, a falsehood extrapolated from WCF's support for programs that protect children and all human life (from conception to natural death) from destructive activities including abortion, pornography, and sex-trafficking.

"The World Congress has always sought to gather thoughtful scholars, influential policymakers, noted religious leaders and advocates around the world who are focused on strengthening the natural family as the, best means of raising society's next generation," says Allan Carlson, WCF founder. "Anchored from the beginning in language from the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we affirm today our belief in the value of every human life. We continue our call for robust scholarship and civil debate on the issues, and respectful treatment for people everywhere," Carlson concluded.

"Our hope is that this report will end the attacks and misinformation and allow us to move forward by engaging in thoughtful, constructive, and civil discussion on issues vital to the lives of children and families everywhere," said Crouse.

The World Congress of Families (WCF) is the largest gathering of pro-family advocates in the world. WCF IX will seek to provide sound scholarship and effective strategies, and mobilize intellectual and advocacy resources to affirm and defend the natural family as the fundamental and only sustainable unit of a free society.

For more information and a copy of the report, please visit WCF9.org and follow WCF on Facebook or Twitter.

Heartbeat International Has Daily News Service

Expanding on its life-saving mission—to make abortion unwanted today and unthinkable to future generations—Heartbeat International has launched PregnancyHelpNews.com, a daily news service aimed at telling the story of pregnancy help organizations.

The site has attracted over 100,000 page views since its launch in late January, introducing nearly 50,000 readers to the life-affirming work of pregnancy resource centers, pregnancy medical clinics, maternity homes and non-profit adoption agencies.

"What excites us most about Pregnancy Help News is its ability to unite members of the pregnancy help community around our common narrative of championing life," Heartbeat International President Peggy Hartshorn, Ph.D., said. "We are so grateful for the work of the frontline life-savers who make up our network, and it is a privilege to

help tell their story."

While the site is powered by Heartbeat International, the vision

of Pregnancy Help News extends beyond the organization's nearly 2,000 worldwide locations, to every non-affiliate organization working with women and families facing an unexpected pregnancy.

In addition to numerous republications of Pregnancy Help News content at both LifeSiteNews.com and LifeNews.com, the site's top-read articles include news and commentary celebrating and defending the work of life-affirming pregnancy-help organizations.

With over 150 articles to date, the site is serving to raise the profile of pro-life organizations whose mission is to reach and rescue women and children from the violence of abortion.

[Click here](#) for Pregnancy Help News.



Second International Summit on Sexual Exploitation September 10-12 in Orlando, Florida

The Summit, which will take place in Orlando, Florida, and which has been designated a World Congress of Families Regional Conference, will focus on: Sexualization of women and children by popular media – The links between pornography, sex trafficking and sexual violence – Solutions for reducing sexual exploitation – Recovery & healing for survivors of trafficking and porn addicts – A neurological perspective on porn addiction – Racial stereotypes in pornography and how it promotes pimping and prostitution – The role of the Internet in child sexual exploitation – and support for those who are ministering to or counseling those with porn addictions

Speakers include Ernie Allen (Founder, Former President & CEO National Center for Missing & Exploited Children & International Center for Missing & Exploited Children), Clay Olsen (CEO & Founder of Fight The New Drug), Anna Malika (a policy and trafficking survivor advocate) and Melissa Farley (Executive Director, Prostitution Research & Education).

The Summit will include a diverse spectrum of experts, including sociologists, neurosurgeons, religious leaders and feminists. The Summit will take place at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld.

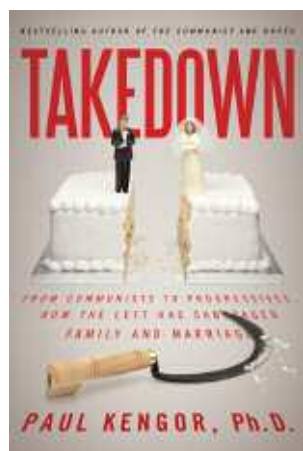
This is a Marriott Hotel and as such has a strict policy of not selling any pornographic materials in their rooms. To

ensure room availability and receive the discounted rate of \$129/night, attendees must book by August 28th.

Last year's Summit focused on the harms of pornography to families, children, relationships, and society at large. This year's focus is on the scientific and medical research which shows porn to be a public health crisis that affects nearly every family in America, and how to best respond to this pandemic.

With an emphasis on building relationships and leadership among those working to end sexual exploitation – whether through prevention, recovery, or awareness – this year's Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Summit will be vital for those seeking to grow and expand their influence for the cause.

[Click here](#) to register or for more information.



“Takedown: How the Left Has Sabotaged Family and Marriage” by Dr. Paul Kengor

Dr. Paul Kengor, a professor of political science at Grove City College and executive director of its Center for Vision and Values, has written a powerful expose of the left's war on the family. He explains how, starting with Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, the cultural left has achieved victory after victory,

starting with the Sexual Revolution of the 60s' and now including the redefinition of marriage in many Western nations.

Faith and family have always been primary targets. Kengor traces efforts to demolish the family from the “Communist Manifesto” (which called for “abolition of the family”) to theorists, activists, propagandists and revolutionaries like Robert Owen, Charles Fourier, Lenin and Trotsky, Alexandra Kollontai, Margaret Sanger, Margaret Mead, Wilhelm Reich, Herbert Marcuse, Betty Friedan, Kate Millett, and assorted '60s radicals from Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn to Mark Rudd and Tom

Hayden.

The development of the left's anti-family ideology may be traced from the 19th century origins of Marxism to the Bolshevik Revolution, Cultural Marxism (first expounded by Italian revolutionary Antonio Gramsci), the Frankfurt School, New Left theorist Marcuse, 20th century feminism, pornographers and sexual propagandists who disguise their advocacy as research.

By infiltrating academic institutions and skillfully manipulating the mass media, the left is achieving what was unimaginable just a few years ago – same-sex “marriage,” the deconstruction of gender and western religion driven underground by what was an outcast lifestyle just a few years ago.

Kengor demonstrates how the Sexual Revolution (including marriage deconstruction) was no more an accident of history than the French and Russian Revolutions, but a carefully planned strategy of elites who anesthetized the public with soothing cliches. For those who want to understand how the family has been sabotaged, Dr. Kengor's book is essential.

It may be ordered by [clicking here](#).

WCF – PROFILES IN LEADERSHIP

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

Irina Shamolina

Irina Shamolina works with the Russian Orthodox Church's Patriarchal Commission on Family, Maternity and Childhood Protection as an advisor to the head of the Commission (Archpriest Dimitry Smirnov) on issues concerning development of home education in Russia.



The Russian Orthodox Church believes homeschooling is the most natural way of educating and nurturing children, as well as the best option to impart Christian and family values. It also believes homeschooling brings mothers back to the home and restores the conventional family structure.

Together with another member of the Commission, Pavel Parfentiev (WCF Ambassador to the European Institutions, who is well known in Russia as a home education advocate and author of the first Russian homeschooling legal guide), Irina Shamolina actively promotes home education in Russia and the CIS. Her major focus is to introduce home education to Russia's elites and to get state and charity foundation support to promote this vital reform.

In May 2015, at WCF regional conference in Tbilisi, Irina delivered a speech titled "Schooling and Transmission of Natural Human Values", which appears to be the first such speech made on the topic of home education in Georgia. In part as a result, she was invited to speak on home education at WCF IX in Salt-Lake City and at the Global Home Education Conference in Rio, Brazil in 2016.

Irina received her basic education in Russia – an MA in mathematics and economics in Moscow, and took a business management course in Denmark. She started her business career at U.S. multinational companies as a real estate analyst, then continued as a business planning and development expert. Since 2005, she has run her own management consulting company together with her husband Alexey Komov (WCF Representative in Russia and the CIS).

In 2011 she actively assisted Alexey in organizing the first WCF Demographic

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Dr. John Eastman

Dr. John C. Eastman is the Henry Salvatori Professor of Law & Community Service at Chapman University's Dale E. Fowler School of Law, where he has been a member of the faculty since 1999, specializing in Constitutional Law, Legal History, and Property. He was Dean from 2007 until February 2010, when he stepped down to pursue a bid to become California Attorney General.



He also leads the Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, a public interest law firm affiliated with the Claremont Institute that he founded in 1999. He has a Ph.D. in Government from the Claremont Graduate School and a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, and a B.A. in Politics and Economics from the University of Dallas. He serves as the Chairman of the Federalist Society's Federalism & Separation of Powers practice group and has been the Chairman of the Board of the National Organization for Marriage (NOM, a World Congress of Families Partner) since 2011.

Prior to joining the Chapman law faculty, Dr. Eastman served as a law clerk to the Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States, and to the Honorable J. Michael Luttig, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and practiced law with the national law firm of Kirkland & Ellis, a position he left after the firm refused to let him file a brief in support of the Boy Scouts in *Boy Scouts v. Dale*, the case in which the Supreme Court upheld the constitutional right of the Boy Scouts to refuse to appoint a homosexual man as a scoutmaster.

Dr. Eastman has also represented numerous clients before the U.S. Supreme Court in important constitutional law matters, including the State of Arizona's defense of its 20-week fetal pain abortion ban in *Horne v. Isaacson* and Pastor Rick Warren's

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News Report: PROTECT THE FAMILY MARCH in Nairobi

"On July 16, Kenyan family activists took to the streets to protest the recent LGBTIT ruling by our high court, allowing the registration of gay NGOs.

The group, led by Honorable Irungu Kangata (head of the family caucus in the Kenyan parliament), converged at Uhuru Park. The aim of the march was to advocate for the protection of the natural family composed of a man, a woman and their children.

'Kenya is a country of strong Christian faith and we do not support homosexuality, which promotes the spreading of diseases such as the human papilloma and even herpezosta. We will not support any form of homosexuality.' Hon. Kangata said.

The march, organized by the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission in partnership with the Kenya Christian Professionals Forum, attracted church leaders like Bishop Mark Kariuki of the Evangelical Alliance of Kenya and Fr. Daniel, representing Bishop David Kamau of the Catholic Archdiocese of Nairobi.

Bishop Kariuki said that the Bible supports only the natural family and therefore we should strive to support and protect the natural family.

The march raised several issues that are a threat to the population growth – such as same-sex 'marriages,' which result in sterile unions.

The group marched to the Kenyan Supreme Court

and issued a petition against the LGBTIT ruling and then proceeded on to the deputy president's office to thank him for supporting the fight against sexual radicals.

The group also made a stop at the Chief Justice's office to inquire about his position on the matter of legalizing same-sex relations then walked to parliament chanting 'hatutaki ushoga' ('We do not want homosexuality').

Bishop Kariuki asked President Obama to respect the moral values of Kenyans during his visit to Kenya and stay away from matters related to homosexuality."

Above report submitted by Kenya Christian Professionals Forum.

[Click here](#) to contact the Kenya Christian Professionals Forum.



The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, International Co-Sponsors Two International Conferences

The Fourth International Symposium on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide (May 22-25) was hosted by HOPE Australia in Adelaide South Australia.

The HOPE Symposium featured speakers from around the world, including Professor Theo Boer and Henk Reitsma from the Netherlands, Professor Tom Mortier from Belgium, Professor Kevin Yuill from the UK, Renee Joubert from New Zealand, Dr Paul Dunne from Tasmania, Nancy Elliott from the US, and Alex Schadenberg from Canada.

Everyone was moved by Marie Gleeson, who spoke emotionally about the death of her mother, and Judi Taylor who spoke about the death of her son. Both deaths were connected to Philip Nitschke, Australia's Dr Death. Tom Mortier spoke of the death of his depressed mother in Belgium.

An evening dinner featured the Hon Kevin Andrews, Australia's Minister of Defense, who ran the campaign to overturn the Northern Territory euthanasia laws in

1996/97. Andrews shared the history of what happened and how they ran their campaign.

On June 6, EPC International co-sponsored the "Second European Symposium - Saving Lives Not Causing Deaths" in Dublin. Ireland is facing a political campaign to legalize assisted suicide based on the case of Marie Fleming who challenged the Irish assisted suicide laws in the courts in 2013.

The Irish Symposium featured an international array of speakers, including Reitsma and Mortimer.

The purpose of the Symposium was to educate Irish leaders on these frequently misunderstood issues. Dr Kevin Fitzpatrick closed the Symposium with the launch of HOPE Ireland, a new group to oppose the legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide. Dr Fitzpatrick also works for EPC - International.

EPC - International is working to launch new leadership teams in more countries in order to prevent euthanasia and assisted suicide everywhere. EPC Canada is a World Congress of Families Partner.

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Irina Shamolina

Summit, which for the first time ever brought to Russia prominent experts and leaders on family protection from around the world. She has also supported Alexey in preparing the 2014 “Large Family and Future of Humanity” International Congress in the Kremlin with over 1500 participants from 65 countries.

Irina was born in 1977 in Moscow, in the family of an engineer and a Russian language teacher. Married to Alexey since 2002, and mother of three. Irina is fluent in English; possess rusty French and basic Spanish.

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Dr. John Eastman

successful defense of the parsonage exemption against an Establishment Clause challenge in *Warren v. Commissioner*. On behalf of the Claremont Institute Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, he has participated as amicus curiae before the Supreme Court of the United States, U.S. Courts of Appeals, and State Supreme Courts in more than one hundred cases of constitutional significance, including *Zelman v. Simmons-Harris* (the school vouchers case), *Newdow v. U.S. Congress* (the Pledge of Allegiance case), and *Van Orden v. Perry* (the 10 Commandments case).

Dr. Eastman has appeared as an expert legal commentator on numerous television and radio programs, including C-SPAN, Fox News, PBS, the Jim Lehrer NewsHour, and The O'Reilly Factor. He has a weekly segment on the nationally-syndicated Hugh Hewitt show debating current legal issues with University of California, Irvine, Law School Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, publishes an occasional column entitled “First Principles” in the Los Angeles and San Francisco Daily Journals, and has published numerous op-eds in newspapers around the country, including the Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post.

Dr. Eastman is married, and he and his wife of nearly 25 years have two college-age children. Before their children headed off to college, Eastman served as an Assistant Scoutmaster in his son's Boy Scout Troop and helped coordinate the performance schedule of his daughter's classical music group. The PACE String Quartet.

“The Sexual Revolution and Its Victims” by Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse

It's become commonplace to speak of the victims of war, racism, alcohol and drug abuse, etc. But scant attention has been paid to the victims of the sexual revolution – until now.

In her insightful book (which includes 35 prophetic essays spanning two decades) Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, founder and president of the Ruth Institute, gives a voice to these victims, among them: children of divorce, children of unmarried parents, reluctantly divorced men and women, reluctantly single parents, heartbroken career women, pornography addicts and their families, post-abortive woman, ex-gays, those who've left the hook-up culture, cohabiters with regrets and people with health problems due to the sexual revolution.

These victims have suffered in

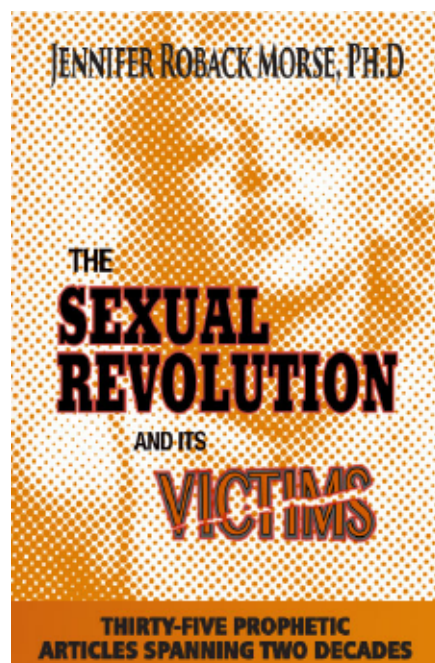
silence, worse, the culture (which can only exalt what's called sexual freedom) denies their victimization and their suffering. By telling their stories, by making their

angst real, Dr. Morse is helping to bring about a reevaluation of the greatest social upheaval of the 20th. Century, one whose reverberations are felt in the U.S. Supreme Court's *Obergefell* decision.

“The Sexual Revolution and Its Victims” breaks new ground in tying together the common threads of the untold costs of the sexual revolution.

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