

SB 223

The US Supreme Court said that the Boy Scouts of America had the right to choose who they wanted to have as scout leaders. They have the right to set their own moral code and thereby reject homosexuals as leaders.

The ACLU, NEA and many United Way chapters began using their influence to coerce the BSA to change. The Human Rights Campaign, Lambda Legal Defence Fund and other homosexual rights groups have brought liberal heterosexual groups to their cause.

As a result, at least 369 school districts have taken action against the BSA according to the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN). About 46 United Ways chapters dropped the BSA from their lists.

March 9, Atlanta Constitution, Robt Shirley, a former scout leader was charged with soliciting sex with scouts.

April 5, 2001-Ottawa Citizen, Timothy Parris an ex-scout leader, charged with sexual exploitation.

April 13, 2001, Ohio News, Dale Brant, ex scout leader, indicted on 23 counts of third degree sexual assault.

April 25, 2001-Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, John Levendosky II, an assistant scout master, bound and physically abused three young scouts on an overnight campout.

May 2, 2001 Evansville Courier & Press, scout troop leader Steve Woodard, accused of molesting and sexual misconduct with a minor.

May 10, 2001 Orange County Register, Kenneth Teague, scout leader, involved in Big Brothers and foster parent programs, used his positions to seduce vulnerable boys.

May 23, 2001, Ottawa Citizen, scout leader Michael Dickey, charged with sexual assault.

May 23, 2001, New York Daily News, Jerrold Schwartz, scout leader for 20 years, charged with multiple sexual assaults.

June 19, 2001, Boston Herald, scout leader Christopher Reardon, charged with serial pedophilia.

It would seem obvious that the BSA was quite right in denying homosexuals positions as leaders in their organization.

Just what do the Boy Scouts stand for? Their motto is, "On my honor I will do my

best to do my duty to God and to my country. They are demonstrating honor, dedication, integrity, faith and patriotism.

A similar problem has occurred with the Salvation Army which refused, for moral reasons not to knowingly hire homosexuals. The homosexual response in California was to withdraw any and all government aid money. The result? Many food kitchens had to be closed, havens for abused women closed, warm beds for street people were lost and a 300 bed half-way house for drug and alcohol addicts where these people could dry out, have a warm clean bed, nourishment, clean clothes and a chance to a new life had to be closed.

The homosexuals and their various organizations are against the Boy Scouts and the Salvation Army. In 1987 Errastus Pill and Marshall Kirk wrote a book entitled "After the Ball" in which they outlined their homosexual agenda. They had three main goals. The last is impressive. They wrote, "At a later stage in the campaign for gays rights it will be time get tough with the remaining opponents. To be blunt they must be vilified."

Vilify comes from the word "vile" which is defined as mean, morally base or wicked. Then to vilify would be to be mean towards, to malign and to utter slanderous and abusive statements about(an organization).

It is apparent that the homosexual community and their supporters are intent on destroying anything and anybody who does not do their bidding. As a highschool student writing into the "Letters to the Editor in the I-R said, "it seems that good is evil and evil is good". Shakespeare said it in King Lear, "it seems that goodness and wisdom to the vile, seems vile."

The BSA stands for honor, dedication, integrity, faith and patriotism. The Salvation Army stands for altruism and love and caring for their fellow man. And just what do the homosexuals bring to the table? It seems obvious that they bring hate, vilification, bigotry and discrimination. These same people want a law that protects them from the very actions they themselves promote.

I would ask that this committee give this bill a do not pass.

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