

CALL TO SAFETY

It has come to my awareness that the United States government is currently engaged in a power struggle with the inevitable progress in the future on the issue of freedom to practice religion. Our constitutional right of freedom to practice religion includes the right to not practice any religion at all, as well as for our government to abstain from institutionalizing any religion within the policies of its administration.

The issue of medical standards influenced by the social conditioning of patriarchy, a system that harms the male as much as it harms the female, does not originate from religious influences, but from the same false authority that influences all institutions. The legality of circumcision before the age of consent is a matter of a social custom gone unquestioned. Female genital mutilation is illegal in this country; the gaping neglect of providing males with this same protection in our legal policies is waiting to be remedied.

It used to be that marital rape was entirely legal in the United States based on societal ideologies and religious doctrines upon a woman's duty to subordinate herself to men. Cultural practices involving violent crime have no right to legal impunity under the freedom to practice religion. Circumcision before the age of consent is male genital mutilation; it may be that these males want to keep their foreskin, and they should have the right to choose. A circumcision performed at age 16 by his choice is not traumatic; recovery time is two weeks with a penis cast. With a new generation of uncircumcised young males, there will be an increased need for sex education on how to maximize the gift of male sensitivity for their own pleasure and the pleasure of their partners.

What I would like to propose is the creation of a Department of Sexual Health; this branch of government could be a combination of law enforcement and a regulatory body for overseeing privatized sexual health education centers.

Our country is still young compared to other countries such as Europe; you could say the United States is moving out of the rebellious teenage phase and into young adulthood. I think perhaps our country's leaders are shy talking about sex, because it is an extremely intimate and private subject, and one that can be challenging to maintain an objective stand on. I think it's fair to say that all United States citizens, as well as foreign refugees, suffer from the wound of sexual violence: the shame has touched, directly or indirectly, with its presence in our communities.

Although many conservative religious folks may not want other people's tax dollars used to support pregnancy prevention because they are content with how teen pregnancy drives up the rates of human trafficking, tax dollars are already being used for the regulation of the sale of alcohol at bars, and a government agency regulating for-profit sexual education centers is no different. The necessity to license *for-profit businesses* providing sex education to adolescents and teenagers is for preventing sexual exploitation of youth; if any of these businesses were to use the opportunity to exploit, they

could lose their license to operate, in the same way that businesses that fail to pass a fire inspection are not allowed to be open.

These for-profit privatized sexual health education centers would attend to the under-served population of youth who are not receiving “the birds and the bees” talks from their parents, and those who are learning patterns of sexual violence from their parents perpetrating crimes upon them. None of these sexual health centers would provide any healthcare services, only education. These businesses would sell prophylactics, not give them away. The sex education would focus on pregnancy prevention, avoiding sexually transmitted diseases, how to deal with peer pressure when choosing abstinence, communication to verify consent, the joy of multiple orgasms, the choice to circumcise or remain uncircumcised, pleasing your partner, and sexual violence prevention.

There are many sexual predators eager to spoil the purity of innocent youth; these sex education centers would provide a safe place for youth to learn about sex in an environment free from perversion and free from content more suitable for sexually experienced adults. In other words, these sex education centers would be “Rated-G” and regulated to keep them that way; they would also provide referrals to partnering agencies for anyone that becomes pregnant and provide counseling to review their options. The benefit to the state and federal budgets is clear: a reduction in teen pregnancy means a reduction in welfare costs and a reduction in poverty. Socially responsible businesses can yield a beneficial corporate influence in politics that provides a counter-effect to religious groups seeking to promote human trafficking through influencing legislation that decreases access to birth control and abortions.

The Department of Sexual Health could also handle the investigation of all crimes of sexual violence and human trafficking, alleviating the FBI and local police departments of the burden of this caseload. The advantage to the re-distribution of the responsibility to fight sex crimes to another branch of government is to free federal and city law enforcement from the conflict of interest with prosecuting prostitution. This is not to say that human trafficking is any form of prostitution; however adult voluntary prostitution does exist, and prostitutes are sex offenders. There is an opportunity for a new level of integrity through the protocol of screening employees for the Department of Health; it can be legislated that all employees for this department be free from Sexual Sadism Disorder and Pedophilia. In the future, a blood test can be developed to test for pedophilia.

All mental illness has a root in the physiological bio-chemistry of the brain and is therefore a medical health condition; while it may be considered unconstitutional to discriminate against job applicants based on a medical health condition, it is a requirement for health workers to have their immunizations up the date; if they have tuberculosis, they are disqualified from certain employment positions. The ignorance promoted by the field of psychology and psychiatry is that Sexual Sadism Disorder and Pedophilic Disorder are conditions that exist solely within the minds of those who suffer from it, that it is “all in their head.” An alcoholic does not have a condition that is all in their minds, alcoholics have a behavioral health disorder; it is the same with those who have Sexual Sadism Disorder. Both APA’s neglect to acknowledge that sexual violence is a behavioral health issue and not one in which the

suffering is limited to the minds of those who have these paraphilias has created a model for government policies that promote sex crime.

For the sake of argument, let's hypothesize that there was a population of people who had Pedophilic Disorder and they experienced urges to sexually abuse children that they did not ever act upon. Viewing child pornography online is not illegal; it is only possession of child pornography that is against the law. The reason why possession and distribution of child pornography is illegal is because it creates a market for child abuse. Viewing child pornography online could also be made illegal for the same reasons; however all those people with pedophilia who do not act on their urges would have no sex life*. Any person who is a mandated reporter of child abuse is legally obligated to report to the police if they witness any child pornography online; they do not get a legal outlet to enjoy taking their sexual pleasure at the expense of a child. To defend this violence by saying that there is no coercion taking place watching an event of sex abuse that is already over is to ignore the forced intimacy endured by the victim of child molestation; that child will grow into an adult that may end up having to be in the same room with people who watched them survive sexual abuse as a child. It is not unusual for children who have survived sexual abuse to be stalked as adults.

* (This was to make a point. The author maintains that non-consensual activities are not part of a "sex life," and that viewing pictures of child pornography *is* harmful behavior acting upon urges to violate a person, no matter what age the victim of child pornography currently is.)

Another loophole for perpetrators to escape conviction for violent crime is the use of "temporary insanity" as a legal defense. For any doctor to give testimony in court that a person could become temporarily insane and for this to defend violence to gain a not-guilty plea is a direct sanctioning of that crime. Lorena Bobbitt was found not guilty for reasons of temporary insanity in 1993, the same year that marital rape became illegal in all 50 United States.

Do you understand that grown men do have forced intercourse with female prepubescent children, and this brutal assault is the equivalent violence to the female genitalia as a boy child having his penis cut off? If a woman ran around chopping off the penis of many male children, she would be locked up in a penitentiary for life. When a man does the same level of violence to a female child, if he is caught and successfully prosecuted, after serving a prison sentence he is released and allowed to father children. Nay, I say. Let this end. Let no child molester and no rapist walk free until they have been rehabilitated. The standard supported by the American Psychiatric Association that serial rapists should not ever be forced to undergo medical treatment as it is their civil right to be free to choose is one which persecutes victims of sexual violence while protecting the perpetrators; the majority of people who have been involuntarily committed are victims of sexual violence.

The proposed Department of Sexual Health would also regulate the privatized sector of rehabilitation centers for violent sex offenders. This country desperately needs treatment facilities to rehabilitate all types of sex offenders; state approved, state regulated ones. "John School" meets CDC. For a long time,

it has been against the law for attempted murder for a person infected with HIV to deliberately infect another person; it is different with infecting children with pedophilia.

Patriarchy is a system which gives social privilege to male violent sex offenders; they experience financial prosperity due to enjoying the atmosphere of other people's trauma; they are gravely disabled at preventing themselves from committing sex crimes, yet their victims are the ones who are viewed as burdens to society. Psychology has been abused by serial rapists to attest that their victims are lying due to mental disorders; although the evidence of thousands of years of institutionalized rape is all around us, pedophiles continue to support the idea that false allegations of rape are common and the frequency of these sex crimes does not exist. Psychology has been abused in the court of law in child custody cases in which the parent alleging the other parent of sexually abusing their children had their credibility doubted due to a supposed mental illness. People who ethically and honestly report sex crimes to the proper authorities are often portrayed as crazy liars who have committed a grievous harm to slander the reputation of an innocent person; it would not surprise me one bit if the definition of danger to oneself or others was expanded to include making "false" allegations of rape. Perhaps women who haven't figured out it's their job to shut up and take it are considered by some to be "gravely disabled?"

How is it we can consider ourselves to be intelligent life forms when our survival depends on the tolerating of systematized child rape? How is it that we can call ourselves human when in a position of power to alter the fate of a child, we chose to look away and say, "that's the way the world is," and "you can't save them all," in order to keep our paycheck or our physical safety?

May I make the invitation that we lay down our differences, our disagreements, our resentment, and our resistance to cooperation, and collectively move onto a common platform of one thing we can all agree on? I believe that there is a common ground, a shared goal, a platform we can all step onto that is all inclusive and no one is left out: every human being wants more pleasure and less pain for themselves. The ways we go about achieving emotional homeostasis vary from person to person, but the goal is instinctually the same. From my observation, the single biggest cause and source of human suffering is pedophilia. Children who are raped are likely to become violent sex offenders themselves, and to commit a range of violent crimes, as has been observed by criminal research studies. Children who are raped and then grow up to become criminals do not deserve to be punished, they deserve to be rehabilitated. Every human being is a child of God. There is no such thing as a throwaway with life on this planet.

Let us collectively step out of a cycle of re-traumatization and invest into sustainable solutions for an end to the patterns of sexual violence that impoverish our communities and crowd our prisons. Let us invite solutions to be brought forward and implemented. Can we support our neighbors, friends, colleagues, family, and other community members who are suffering from the oppression of sexual violence? Whether they be perpetrators or victims, we can respond to them with compassion and honesty, and attend to this emergency of human rights, instead of allowing the shock to numb us into denial.