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**The O'Reilly Factor discusses street preachers arrests, on: 2005/1/4 9:05**

A friend of mine recorded the interview last night on the O'Reilly Factor regarding the arrests of the open-air preachers in Philly.

Heres the link:

[http://www.thegreatnews.com/video/oreilleyfactor\\_philly11.wmv](http://www.thegreatnews.com/video/oreilleyfactor_philly11.wmv)

**Re: The O'Reilly Factor discusses street preachers arrests - posted by dougkristen (), on: 2005/1/4 10:52**

Thanks for posting this. Very interesting clip.

Bill O'Reilly was hard on both sides. At least this topic was able to receive some public exposure. Hopefully some Christians who watched this will wake up!

Grace,  
Doug

**Re: The O'Reilly Factor discusses street preachers arrests - posted by J\_A\_Olver (), on: 2005/1/4 13:29**

I've followed these events since I first was introduced to it by Jesse. It is deeply, deeply disturbing to watch the footage that was recorded from the actual event.

As a citizen of Pennsylvania I am so grieved by the way my home is turning. I've been living in Texas these past two years but I know I will be returning to PA within a year or two. Mainly for the purpose of evangelism of the Gospel.

I can tell something significant is coming, just by the way Satan is coming against anything truly Christ like...  
...However, he seems to be leaving the compromising Christians, the complacent and apathetic, alone.

JAO

**Re: The O'Reilly Factor discusses street preachers arrests - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2005/1/4 13:40**

I saw it too, and thought it was pretty good myself. I thought he seemed to take some of the appearance of drama out of the incident. I think by the fact that this made such a big show as the O'Reilly factor, you can bet these guys won't get sentenced to the max of 47 years of prison service (I didn't believe they'd get that anyway). O'Reilly (or was it his guest) was right though, saying this incident is probably going to become a crucial case as far as the secularization of America goes. It probably won't take long before there is a large shutting down of street evangelism in the country, but we can only pray that God keeps such political/police abuses down for another season... especially in light of the fact that more and more street evangelists seem to be arising these days.

**Re: - posted by Denny (), on: 2005/1/6 12:59**

U.S. attorneys complicit in arrest of Christians?  
January 06, 2005

Source says homosexual government lawyers advised Philadelphia police at 'OutFest' event

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Homosexual attorneys from the U.S. Justice Department Civil Rights Division not only attended a large homosexual event in Philadelphia last year, but they advised police on the scene who arrested 11 Christian protesters, says a source within the agency.

According to the Justice Department employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, a number of agency attorneys from Washington, D.C., attended the October "OutFest" event, and, he says, they therefore are not likely to take up the cause of the five criminally charged Christians who believe Philadelphia officials violated their civil rights.

As WorldNetDaily reported, on Oct. 10, the group was "preaching God's Word" to a crowd of people attending the Philadelphia event and displaying banners with biblical messages.

After a confrontation with a group called the Pink Angels, described by protesters as "a militant mob of homosexuals," the 11 Christians were arrested and spent a night in jail.

Eight charges were filed: criminal conspiracy, possession of instruments of crime, reckless endangerment of another person, ethnic intimidation, riot, failure to disperse, disorderly conduct and obstructing highways.

None of the Pink Angels was cited or arrested.

After a preliminary hearing in December, Judge William Austin Meehan ordered four of the Christians to stand trial on three felony and five misdemeanor charges. If convicted, they could get a maximum of 47 years in prison. One female teenage protester faces charges in the juvenile justice system.

"Some of the lawyers in participated in the gay-rights march," the source told WND, referring to the OutFest event. "They participate in those kinds of marches."

Because of that participation, the source thought there would be a "conflict" with the homosexual attorneys, saying they would not be too eager to help the Christians who protested at OutFest.

The Justice source said he estimated between 10 and 11 percent of the attorneys in the Civil Rights Division are homosexual.

He said he believes the protesters were charged with ethnic intimidation "at the recommendation of some of our attorneys who were at the march."

Continued the Justice employee: "They advised the police as witnesses, not as legal counsel, but as witnesses who may have observed what happened."

Supporters of the defendants, known as "the Philadelphia 5," have encouraged concerned Americans to contact the Department of Justice to urge officials there to take action against the city of Philadelphia for allegedly violating the civil rights of the protesters.

A notice on the Repent America website states, "Encourage the U.S. Department of Justice to get involved by contacting Chief Albert Moskowitz in the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division at 202-514-4540, and Chief Shanetta Brown-Cutler in Special Litigation at 202-514-6255."

A general e-mail address is listed on the department's website for contacting the agency.

The Justice Department source said some attorneys there have tried to get more homosexual lawyers into the agency.

"The attorneys who are gay here are trying to encourage more diversity," he said. "But there's no quote or anything."

Brian Fahling, senior trial attorney for the American Family Association's Center for Law & Policy, is representing the Christian defendants. He was not surprised that Department of Justice attorneys may have attended OutFest.

"Actually, that wouldn't surprise me because they're not all political appointments," he told WND. "There would be some who would be career civil servants from the Clinton administration."

Fahling said it was "always a possibility" that the sexual orientation of Justice attorneys could bias them against the Philadelphia 5. Even so, the attorney believes if enough public pressure is put on the Department of Justice, officials there will take action against the city of Philadelphia.

"With a sufficient amount of pressure, something will happen," he said. "We're going to continue to press in that direction."

Fahling said it was "mind-numbing" that his clients potentially could be facing 47 years in jail.

"It's clear that the facts don't matter... in Philadelphia," he said, "so there's going to have to be outside intervention" from the Justice Department.

Fahling said that at the preliminary hearing in December, the Philadelphia city prosecutor in the case, Charles Ehrlich, attacked the defendants as "hateful" and referred to preaching the Bible as "fighting words," a characterization, the law group says, with which Judge Meehan agreed.

Charges were dropped against six of the 11 Christians, apparently because they were not seen quoting Scripture on the videotape.

The ethnic intimidation charge stems from Pennsylvania's "hate crimes" law — to which the newest "victim" category of "sexual orientation" was recently added.

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**Re: - posted by Denny (), on: 2005/1/6 13:00**

Crackdown on Christians: Philadelphia's Hate Crimes Regime  
January 06, 2005

Lee Duigon  
January 1, 2005

Imagine you woke up one morning to discover that, in your city, singing a hymn or reciting a Bible verse in public was a criminal offense.

Michael Marcavage doesn't have to imagine it. He lives in Philadelphia — a city that has, for the sake of "gay rights," imposed one of the harshest "hate speech" regimes in North America. Peacefully opposing the advancement of sodomy can land you in prison, if you do it in Philadelphia.

Marcavage and three of his friends face felony hate crime charges that could net each forty-seven years in prison. Charges have been dropped against another six of the original "Philadelphia 11," with one juvenile in the group removed from the case.

Police arrested the eleven on October 10 (see <http://www.chalcedon.edu/articles/0411/041101-1duigon.php>). Marcavage led the peaceful protest against a homosexual street fair called "Outfest." On December 14, a Philadelphia judge ruled that the prosecutor could proceed with the case.

"Do I expect to go to prison?" Marcavage said. "I didn't expect to be prosecuted so aggressively, so why should I expect not to go to jail? The prosecutor calls us hateful and disgusting people; the district attorney says the Bible is hate speech, and they're out to make an example of us."

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Why no public controversy?

"The whole Christian Church in Philadelphia has been silent," Marcavage said. "People don't know how to respond to the homosexuals' aggression. The gays' mission is to criminalize Christianity in America. What happened to us in Philadelphia has been swept under the carpet."

Until the criminal trial, Marcavage and his organization, Repent America, have been banned by the court from coming within 100 feet of any homosexual event in Philadelphia.

"Right now," he said, "the city's position is that it is a criminal offense, a hate crime, to confront homosexuals with hymns and Bible verses. The city says we were 'intimidating' a crowd of homosexual militants."

The Christians will be defended in court by an attorney from Tupelo, Mississippi: Brian Fahling of the American Family Association's Center for Law and Policy. Marcavage has also retained a local criminal defense lawyer, Scott Shields.

"Over the last ten years," William Devlin said, "I've been to pastor after pastor in this city, trying to get them to put pressure on the elected officials who've been pushing the homosexual agenda. They're all afraid to speak up. They're like the frog in the kettle: they've sat there in silence for all this time while the gays kept turning up the water temperature. Now it's come to a boil, and they're still in the pot."

Philadelphia's political leaders, he said, present themselves as born-again, evangelical Christians while energetically promoting "gay rights" at the expense of Christianity.

As an example of this, he pointed to the city's first "LGBT Inaugural Gala" in January.

As reported in the Philadelphia Cyberpaper.net (<http://citypaper.net/articles/2004-01-08/polnote.shtml>), the keynote speakers at the homosexual fund-raiser were the former Philadelphia mayor and current Pennsylvania governor, Ed Rendell, and the current mayor, John Street — both of them clad "in matching blue feather boas." The event raised \$100,000 for Philadelphia's homosexual campaign and was attended by city politicians representing both the Democratic and Republican parties.

"In his two terms, Mayor Street has done nothing but promote gay rights," Devlin said. "And the city solicitor, Nelson Diaz, who's busy now suing the Boy Scouts to force them to accept atheists and homosexuals as scout leaders, busy pushing for gay marriage and more hate speech laws — he's another one who says he's born again. He was chairman of the Billy Graham Crusade in Philadelphia."

Diaz chaired the Billy Graham Crusade in 1991–92, according to his resume (<http://www.blankrome.com/Attorneys/Resumes/diazn.doc>).

How did Philadelphia, the birthplace of the U.S. Constitution, become a Christian-clobbering homosexual dystopia?

The answer is a long one that will be addressed in the next article in this series.

<http://www.chalcedon.edu/articles/0501/050101-1duigon.php>

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This is taken from the article below:

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**Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2005/1/6 23:01**

Did you see where Wilkerson said that the judgements of God will fall on entire cities first who went with the gay agenda? They better take heed, that brothers hasn't missed yet. But a silent church is very troubling. Troubling indeed.

**Interview on CWA - posted by Denny (), on: 2005/1/7 18:21**

Visit <http://www.lifeandlibertyministries.com> to hear an interview with Bob Knight of Concerned Women for America.

**Re: Interview on CWA - posted by dohzman (), on: 2005/1/19 11:54**

keep me posted as to the status of your trial in Philly. I'll be keeping you guys in prayer and I mention you at the churches I minister in as a matter of prayer request from thoughts congregations. God Bless-- Bro. Daryl