The Sexual State: Identifying and Combating the Sexual Revolution *And Other Totalitarian Ideologies* 

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Refuting the Top 5 Gay Myths

Prepared by Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse



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## Poll the audience:

Who is involved in sidewalk counseling?
Who is involved in a pregnancy care center?
Who is not Catholic?
Who is Catholic?

## **RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG** From The Ruth Institute, "About Us" page:

"The Ruth Institute upholds the ancient Christian teachings" about marriage, family, and human sexuality. These teachings are today sometimes regarded as exclusively 'Catholic,' but in fact, Judaism, and most Christian groups, historically taught many of the same things. The Ruth Institute works with individuals and groups, religious or otherwise, who share our views, in whole or in part, regardless of their positions on other issues."

## The Catholic Church is:

- A worldwide organization of over one billion sinners.
- And that's just the people alive today!
- You will some of the time, have to apologize for the behavior of fellow Catholics, past and present.
- But:



We must never apologize for Christian doctrine on marriage, family and human sexuality!

## We have no right to keep the Church's teaching to ourselves.

Overall Theme: The Sexual Constitution

The "rules of the game" for sexual activity and reproduction.
 We can understand something called, the "Christian Sexual Constitution."

- We have lost it. It has been replaced by: "The Revolutionary Sexual Constitution."
- We lost it piecemeal.
- I don't think we can get it back piecemeal.

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## **RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG** The Sexual Constitution

- Constitutions establish the "rules of the game."
- Need not be written. (The British do not have a written constitution.)
- Includes customs and social norms, as well as formal, written laws.
- The "Sexual Constitution" = "rules of the game" for sexual activity and reproduction.



## What kinds of rules?

Who is allowed to reproduce? Anyone who is married? Anyone at all? Who is allowed to marry? Men and women above the age of puberty? Men who are "reasonably" well established as providers? Who decides who marries whom? The individuals themselves? Their parents? The government?

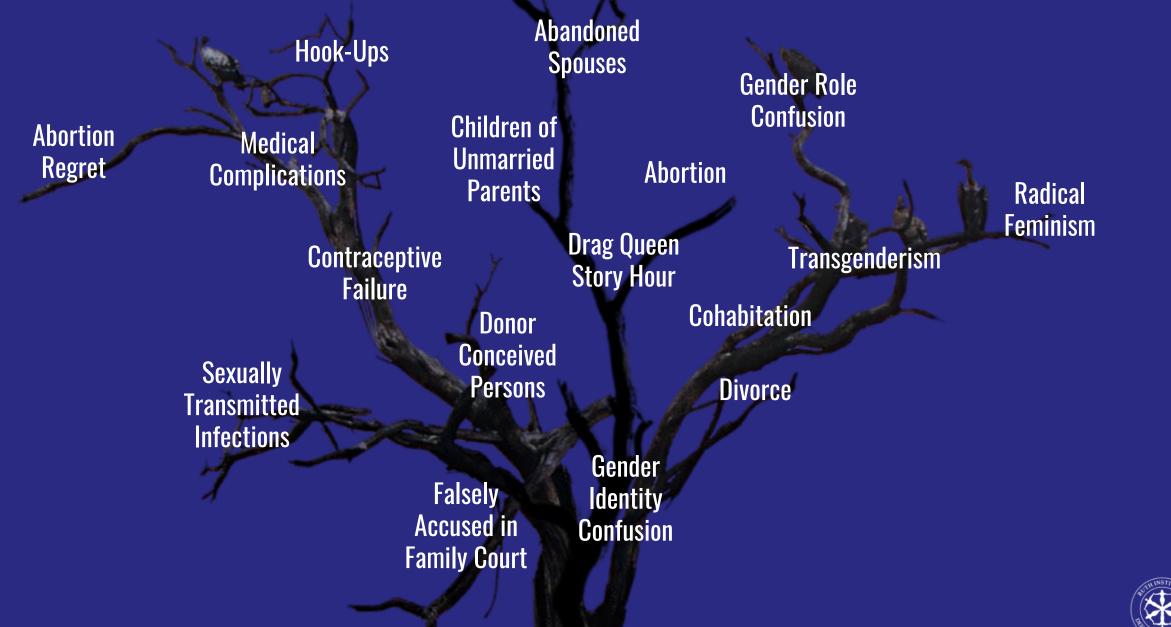
What is happening to our culture around marriage, family, and sexuality?

## WE SEEM TO BE BOMBARDED FROM ALL SIDES.

| Hook-Ups                 |                            | Abandoned<br>Spouses     |                                 |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Abortion<br>Regret       | Medical<br>Complications   | Children of<br>Unmarried | Gender Role<br>Confusion        | Radical<br>Feminism      |
| Sexually<br>Transmitte   | ed                         | Parents<br>1<br>Divor    | Transgenderism<br>ce            | Drag Queen<br>Story Hour |
| Infection                | Infections<br>Falsely      |                          | Gender<br>Identity<br>Confusion |                          |
| Contraceptive<br>Failure | Accused in<br>Family Court |                          | Donor<br>Conceived<br>Persons   |                          |

But what may seem to be nothing but a collection of random issues, is really all part of one giant issue:

## The Sexual Revolution.



## THE ROTTEN FRUIT OF THE SEXUAL REVOLUTION



## This tree has three major branches:

## THE THREE BRANCHES:

## CONTRACEPTIVE

Hook-Ups Abortion Sexually Transmitted Infections Contraceptive Failure Medical Complications Abortion Regret Accidental Death

## DIVORCE

Family Breakdown Unmarried Parenthood Reluctantly Divorced Persons Children of Divorce Children of Unmarried Person Abandoned Spouses False Accusations in Family Court Donor Conceived Persons Permanently Frozen Embryos Cohabitation

## GENDER

Radical Feminism Gender Role Confusion Gender Identity Confusion Drag Queen Story Hour Unnecessary Male/Female Conflict Promotion of Homosexuality



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Three Big Ideas of the Sexual Revolution

The Revolution holds that a good and decent society:

- 1. Should separate sex from babies.
- The Contraceptive Ideology.
- 2. Should separate both sex and babies from marriage. *The Divorce Ideology.*

3. Should believe that the sex of the body is insignificant and therefore, we can and should overwrite the all differences between men and women. *The Gender Ideology.* 

## At the root of this tree is one fundamental idea, which is also an implicit promise.



## CONTRACEPTIVE

## DIVORCE

"You can do anything you want sexually, & nothing bad will happen."



GENDER

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"You can do anything you want sexually, and nothing bad will happen."

- This tacit promise makes the Sexual Revolution intrinsically seductive.
- Everyone wants to believe that this is true!
- You must intentionally resist the Sexual Revolution or it will sweep you away.
- When you are debating someone, this promise is what you are asking them to give up.

"You can do anything you want sexually, and nothing bad will happen."

A tacit theory: What will make people happy? What does it mean to be a human being?

**Three Big Ideas of the Sexual Revolution** 

1. The Contraceptive Ideology. (Most pro-life apologetics deal with this branch.)

2. Should separate both sex and babies from marriage.
 *The Divorce Ideology.*

3. The Gender Ideology. (This is the issue on everyone's mind.)

## Individual 45-minute talks on these 3 topics.

Ruth Institute audio podcasts: on "The Sexual State"

- Culture of Death: <u>http://www.ruthinstitute.org/podcasts/culture-of-death-the-sexual-state</u>
- Divorce Ideology:

http://www.ruthinstitute.org/podcasts/divorceideology-the-sexual-state

Gender Ideology: <u>http://www.ruthinstitute.org/podcasts/gender-ideology-the-sexual-state</u>

## Additional Resources on these Ideologies:

- Contraceptive Ideology:
  - Understanding Contraception.
- > **Divorce Ideology:** 
  - Negative Impact of divorce, YouTube Playlist
  - Summit 2019: Sessions on Divorce, experts, witnesses, including abandoned spouses and adult children of divorce
- Gender Ideology:
  - Transgender Resource Center
  - <u>"Biological Gender Champions" YouTube playlist.</u>

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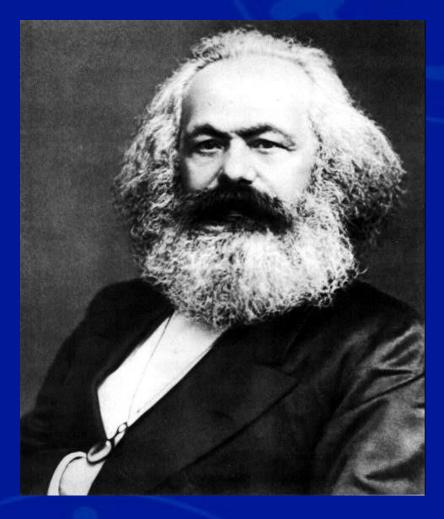
# All three ideologies attack the human body and the connections that flow from it.

- 1. Should separate sex from babies.
- The Contraceptive Ideology. Challenges the bodily connection between sex and babies.
- 2. Should separate both sex and babies from marriage.
- The Divorce Ideology. Seeks to undermine the legitimate responsibilities of parenthood that flow directly from the body.
- 3. Should believe that the sex of the body is insignificant and therefore, we can and should over-write the all differences between men and women.
- The Gender Ideology is a direct assault on the fact that our bodies are male or female. Sees the 'gender binary' as illegitimately constraining.

#### **RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG** What is at Stake: Human Nature Itself.

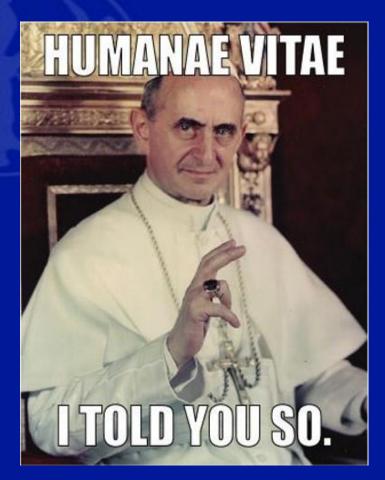
Communism sought to create "the New Soviet Man."

The Sexual Revolutionaries seek to create "the new transhuman" or the "new androgynous person."



# Let's say a bit more about these ideologies.

## RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG The Contraceptive Ideology: Separate Sex from Babies.



What has contraception done to society?

 Sex is normally a sterile activity with no moral or social significance.

 This is the "promise" of no negative consequences.

## **RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG** The foundation of the Sexual Revolution.

- Gives rise to the demand for both contraception and abortion.
- Billions of dollars have been invested in promoting this ideology.
- Warren Buffett: over \$5 billion to abortion providers since 2000, and \$41 billion to pro-abortion foundations. https://www.restorationofamerica.com/wp-

content/uploads/2023/08/warren-buffett-report-roa.pdf



## The Divorce Ideology: Kids Don't really need their own parents.



- Includes more than divorce: any adult plan (apart from unavoidable tragedy) that separates kids from one or both parents.
- Unmarried parenthood
- Third party reproduction and IVF.

## **Risks for children of divorce:**

| Getting sick                         | Dying at a younger age                            |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| Falling behind in math               | Fewer close friends                               |  |
| Smoking                              | Suffering academically                            |  |
| Needing Ritalin for ADHD             | Not finishing high school                         |  |
| Losing contact with grandparents     | Having a stroke                                   |  |
| Drug or alcohol abuse                | Early sexual activity                             |  |
| Engaging in criminal activities      | Sleep problems                                    |  |
| Getting divorced                     | Less  |  |
| as an adult                          | parental supervision                              |  |
| Not finishing college                | Not attending church                              |  |
| Doubting parents' religious beliefs  | Feeling a lack of compassion from their<br>church |  |
| Persistent feelings<br>of loneliness | Thoughts of suicide or violence                   |  |

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## RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG "Effects of Divorce on Children" Dr. Pat Fagan

## WHAT DIVORCE HAS DONE TO AMERICA

The Price We Pay for Family Breakdown



https://downloads.frc.org/EF/E F12A22.pdf

40 closely typed pages. 333 footnotes.

RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG These facts are undeniable: the question is, why?

No, the Kids are Not Resilient!

The difficulties of new relationships. Jennifer's story.

The lifelong impact of divorce. Amanda's story.

## I will never accept this as "normal!"

What is the Gender Ideology? Feminism, the original "gender ideology" taught:

Men and women are identical.

Except women are better.

### **Therefore:**

Wiping out all differences between men and women is a moral imperative.

## New gender ideology:

## Wipe out all differences between men and women, Except:

### Those the individual specifically chooses to embrace.

RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG How do these versions of the Gender Ideology fit together?

The human body is unimportant, and can be transcended

In fact, not only can the body be transcended, but if the sex of the body interferes with an important moral goal, we MUST transcend it.

### **RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG** Transcending the Sex of the Body

Feminism: the sex of the body interferes with equality between men and women. Therefore:

We *must* use social and legal means to overwrite the bodily differences between men and women.

Promoted special legislation and regulations to equalize income, education and employment.

### **RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG** Transcending the Sex of the Body

Transgenderism: the sex of the body interferes with the goal of *individual personal autonomy*. Therefore,

If a person wants to be a different sex, he or she can do so.
Use technological engineering to attempt to alter the body.
Use legal and social engineering to force everyone to go along with the individual's choice.

Behind it all is the overall discomfort with the sexed nature of the body.

## RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG The Revolution "pivoted" to transgenderism after redefining marriage:

- John Bursch: argued the gay marriage cases Obergefell v. Hodges, at the US Supreme Court.
- In my interview with him, he revealed that his docket filled up with trans-related cases, immediately after Obergefell.

## LOVING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Church and Gender Ideology

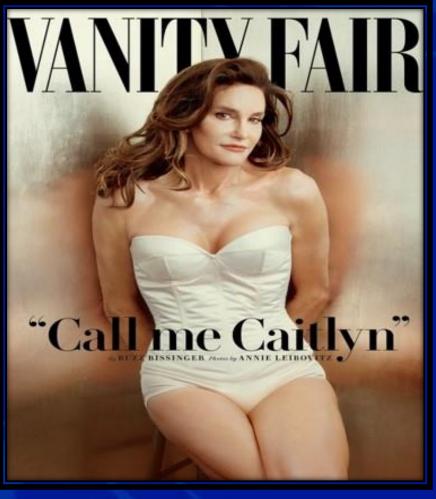


JOHN J. BURSCH

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June 26, 2015:
 Obergefell v. Hodges announced.

June 25, 2015: the July issue of Vanity Fair was released, with Bruce Jenner on the cover.



## RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG The Revolution "pivoted" to transgenderism after redefining marriage: July 15, 2015:

First episode of "I am Jazz" reality TV show premiered.



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### **RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG** The sequence looks like this:

## June 25, 2015: the July issue of Vanity Fair was released, with Bruce Jenner on the cover. June 26, 2015: Obergefell v. Hodges announced. July 15, 2015: First episode of "I am Jazz" reality TV show premiered.

## Coincidence? dr. jennifer roback morse

Why did the Revolution "pivot" to transgenderism after redefining marriage in the *Obergefell* case?

Because it was never really about marriage. It was about The Revolution. "Gay marriage" = de-gendered marriage. "Gay marriage" furthers the goal of destabilizing the sex of the body.

For the True Revolutionary:

The "issue" is never the issue.

The issue is ALWAYS the revolution.

And the purpose of the Revolution is POWER.

**RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG** The Problem With The Sexual Revolution:

1. Separate sex from babies. Sex does make babies! 2. Separate both sex and babies from marriage. Kids do need their parents! 3. Wipe out all differences between men and women, (except those explicitly chosen by individuals.)

The body actually is significant!

## **The Sexual Revolution:**

Is irrational and impossible.

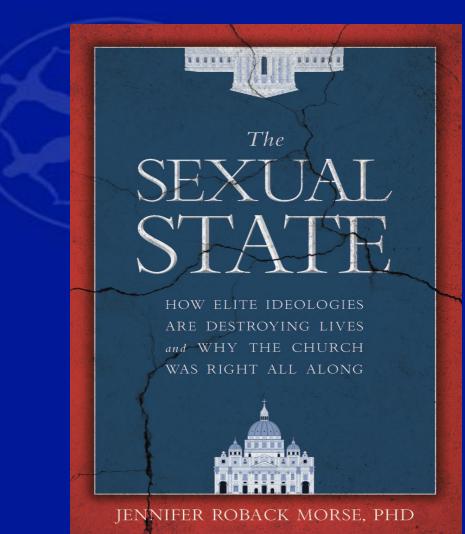
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It cannot stand on its own. It requires: force propaganda

A totalitarian ideology that no Christian should have anything to do with.

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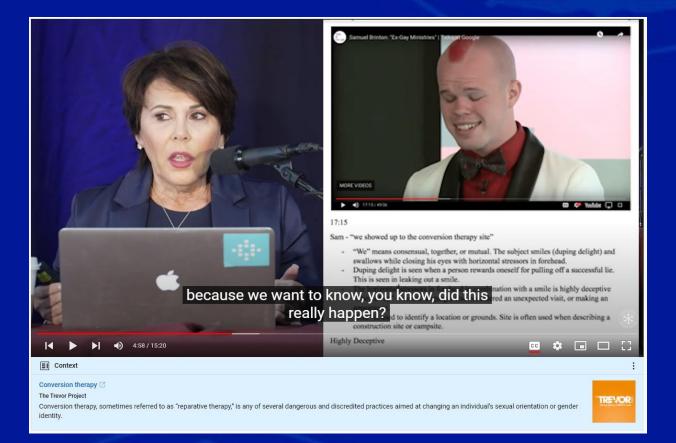
## RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG Once you start looking, you'll see:



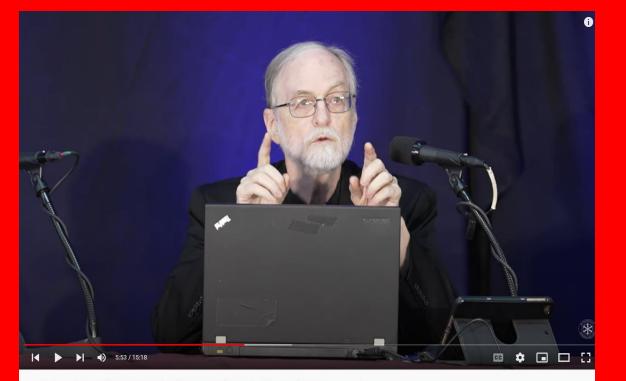
# The Sexual State is everywhere!

## Legislative bans on "conversion therapy."

- Based on testimony of Sam Brinton.
- A forensic psychology <u>expert</u> describes <u>him</u> as "Highly deceptive."



# Studies claiming "conversion therapy" is harmful have been contradicted.



 The proper term is "Sexual Orientation Change Efforts," or SOCE.

Sexual Orientation Can Change: Correcting the Data | Father Paul Sullins | Ruth Institute Summit

# This study supposedly shows that SOCE causes suicide:

- "Sexual Orientation Change Efforts, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Suicide Ideation and Attempts Among Sexual Minority Adults, US, 2016-2018."
- Blosnich, Henderson, Coulter, Goldbach & Meyer.
- American Journal of Public Health, 2020; 110: 1024-1030. <u>https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32437277/</u>

## Fr. Sullins refutes it in this paper: "Does everybody understand what just happened here?"

 "SEXUAL ORIENTATION CHANGE EFFORTS (SOCE) \*REDUCE\* SUICIDE: CORRECTING A FALSE RESEARCH NARRATIVE," https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/pa pers.cfm?abstract\_id=3729353



## Other References, by Fr. Paul Sullins, Ph.D.

 "Absence of Behavioral Harm Following Non-efficacious Sexual Orientation Change Efforts," Frontiers in Psychology, Feb. 2, 2022.

Sullins, D. P., Rosik, C. H., and Santero, P. (2021). "Efficacy and risk of sexual orientation change efforts: a retrospective analysis of 125 exposed men." F1000Res. <u>https://f1000research.com/articles/10-222/v2</u>

### RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG Totalitarian Ideologies are Fantasy Ideologies:

Soft power" intellectual systems to further the accumulation of hard power.

- disarm potential victims
- Empower and embolden the already powerful.
- The ultimate goal is to remake human nature itself.

RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG Understanding the structure of totalitarian ideologies

Start with a <u>Utopian Dream</u> (a Fantasy)

- That the <u>Savior Class</u> can bring about, if only the public grants them enough:
  - POWER and
  - Propaganda.
- And only if the public agrees to:
  - Allow the designation of a <u>Scapegoat Class</u>, to blame when the impossible dream doesn't materialize.

Underlying the entire ideology is:

# The desire to change human nature.

### RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG Understanding the structure of the Sexual Revolution

- Utopian Dream: "We can have as much sex as we want and nothing bad will happen."
- Savior Class gets
  - POWER and
  - Propaganda.
- If the public agrees to:
  - Scapegoat a Class of people. Christians are the scapegoats.
- Change to human nature:
- The dual-sexed nature of the human body is a problem.
- **DR. JENNIFER ROBACK MORSE**

RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG Christians should have a natural resistance to Fantasy Ideologies

Jesus doesn't promise Heaven on Earth.
We don't need a Savior Class.
We accept limits on the legitimate exercise of power. No one gets to do whatever they can get away with.
We are compelled to speak the Truth.
We are not allowed to scapegoat anybody.

This is why Christians are Public Enemy #1 today. DR. JENNIFER ROBACK MORSE

## Fantasy Ideologies always target:

The FamilyThe Church



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## The Family blocks unlimited power

- The family can regenerate itself naturally.
- The family doesn't need the State.
- The family creates alternative systems of loyalty.
- The family provides economic, social and spiritual support and hence, independence.
- Fathers are natural authority figures who compete with the State.

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### RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG Christianity has always understood:

### Babies are a gift from God, a blessing!

 Precisely because they are helpless, they have a right to our care and concern.

"Our" = individual parents
"Our" also = society as a whole.



The Christian Sexual Constitution asks: What is owed to children?

Identity: "Every person has the right to know his or her cultural heritage and genetic identity."

Relationship: "Every child has a right to a relationship with his or her natural mother and father except for an unavoidable tragedy."

How can we secure these rights to the child?

Make a plan for parents to cooperate with each other for a lifetime.

best chance for kids to be in relationship with both parents.

"Thou Shalt Not..."

No sex before or outside of marriage.
 No divorce without cause.
 No sperm or egg donation.
 No petty criticism of your spouse.

## Lifelong cooperation plan

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- Get married before having sex.
   Only have sex with your spouse.
   Stay married unless someone does something
  - really awful.
- 4. Be nice to your spouse.
- 5. Be satisfied with the children God gives you.

## **Traditional Christian Sexual Morality!**



## The Social Result of the Christian sexual morality, or The Christian Sexual Constitution:

### For every child, a mother and a father.

## No matter how rich....

#### **Theodore Roosevelt's family**



### **Entertainer Fats Domino's family**



## No matter how poor....





## RUTH INSTITUTE.ORG In good times or in bad. (Depression era families.)





## Black or white....





## Native Born or Immigrants:





## Henry VIII and 6 wives:



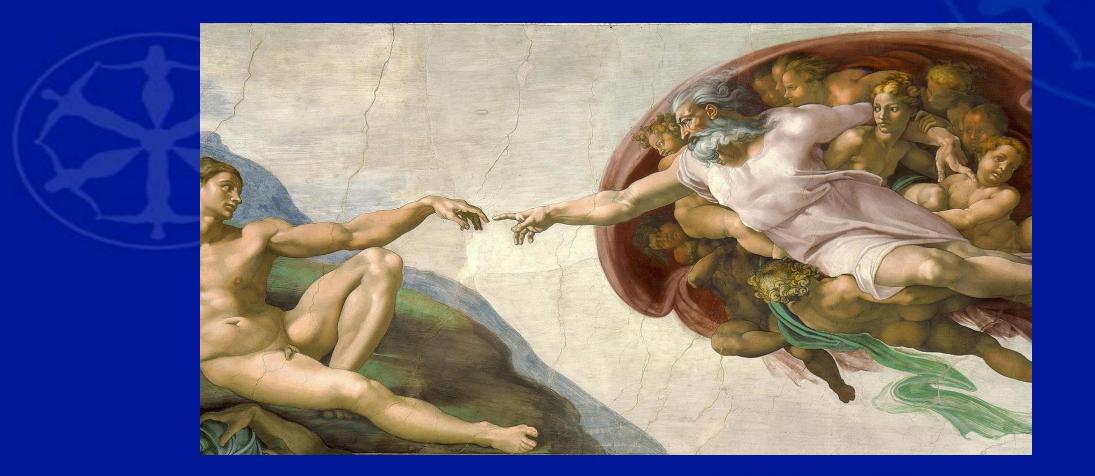
## Elizabeth Taylor and 7 husbands:



## The Social Result:

For every child, a mother and a father.
For every man, one wife.
For every woman, one husband.

Authentic "reproductive" equality.
Authentic "social justice."
Traditional Christian Sexual morality secures this kind of equality and justice for all.



To obtain materials related to this presentation, send an email to <u>info@ruthinstitute.org</u> with subject line, "Boldy Defending the Family."

