

# **LIBERALS BELIEVE CHILDREN ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE**

**By Don Feder**

When I read the latest affront to civilization of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (dubbed the 9<sup>th</sup> Circus, by its critics), I recalled the words of my old friend Rabbi Mayer Schiller – Talmudic scholar and hockey coach – pronounced at a conservative conference a decade ago: “Liberalism isn’t a political philosophy. It’s a vile combination of sickness and evil.”

That’s the only way to describe the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit’s recent attack on parental rights – a thing to be abominated, excoriated and placed in the same category as the Spanish Inquisition, Jeffrey Dahmer’s cookbook and photographs by the late Robert Mapplethorpe.

The court held that public schools can expose your children to any depravity, can erotically indoctrinate them, can sexualize them when they’re barely out of diapers – and you can’t do a damn thing about it.

The case involved a questionnaire distributed to 7- to-10 year-olds in the Palmdale, California school system. The survey asked students to rate how often they thought about “touching my private parts too much,” “thinking about other people’s private parts,” “having sex feelings in my body” and so on. Schools that can’t teach kids how to tie their shoes are really into sexual instruction.

The interrogation was designed to elicit highly personal information to be used to turn children against parental values and make them compliant citizens of the sexual utopia the left has been constructing for half a century.

On Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit dismissed a suit by parents against the school district. Writing for a unanimous three-judge panel, Judge Stephen Reinhardt (Robespierre meets Kinsey) declared that parents have neither due process nor privacy rights when it comes to sexual brainwashing.

Reinhardt also was the author of the 2002 decision in which the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit held that it was unconstitutional for students to say the Pledge of Allegiance with the words “one nation under God.” In part, this was based on so-called church/state grounds, but also because it supposedly violated the rights of atheist parents to transmit their values to their children.

Thus, examining the rulings side by side, Reinhardt believes exposing children to God (in the form of four words in the Pledge) violates parental rights, but conducting sexual interrogations -- over parental objections -- does not. Simple explanation: God threatens the left’s agenda, sexual indulgence facilitates it.

In the Palmdale decision, Reinhardt decreed: “There is no fundamental right of parents to be the exclusive provider of information regarding sexual matters to their children.” Further, “We also hold that parents have no due process or privacy rights to override the determinations of public schools as to the information to which their children are exposed as enrolled students.”

Elsewhere, regarding parental authority over their children’s education, Judge Fagin opined, “No such specific right can be found in the deep roots of the nation’s history and tradition or implied in the concept of ordered liberty.”

Roll it around on the tongue to fully savor the absurdity of Reinhardt’s position. His honor is saying that nowhere in our long history or experience as a free people, or in the concept of “ordered

liberty” – from the Bible to the Magna Carta to the Constitution -- can the court find a right of parents to guide and direct their children’s upbringing.

Reinhardt is a poster boy for liberalism’s sexual revolution. But he’s hardly alone.

Before she ascended to the Supreme Court, Ruth Bader Ginsberg (the left’s favorite justice) declared there was a constitutional right to prostitution and polygamy, and the age of consent should be lowered to 12. As a young lawyer, Hillary Rodham Clinton (the left’s candidate for president in 2008), said children should be liberated from parental control. As First Lady, she wrote “It Takes A Village,” a paean to communal child-rearing.

Liberals stoutly maintain that a woman has a privacy right to kill her unborn child, that pornographers have a right to broadcast the most nauseating filth, that scummy traitors have a right to spit on the flag, that adults have a right to have sex with adolescents, and that two men or two women have a right to marry – but two individuals who gave a child life, who fed, clothed, sheltered and nurtured that child, have no right (constitutional or historical, explicit or implied) to control when, where and in what way they will be exposed to sex.

And they wonder why, for normal people, “liberalism” has become a dirty word.

Liberal jurists collude with liberal educators. Both believe that traditional morality is oppressive and that children must be freed from parental fears and prejudices, and taught to embrace the age of polymorphous perversity.

The goal of the Sexuality Education And Information Council of the United States (SIECUS), Planned Parenthood, the National Education Association and their judicial allies is to take America's children and turn them into erotic androids, programmed to behave in certain ways – accepting homosexuality, viewing gender as a social construct, treating copulation as a recreational activity, finding fidelity hopelessly outmoded, believing that morality has nothing to do with sex, and rejecting monogamous marriage as stultifying.

In pursuit of this glorious vision, prophylactics are dispensed in the schools, teens are referred to abortion clinics and students practice putting condoms on bananas (a good thing too, as tropical fruit have been known to spread disease). Children are taught to respect what is designated sexual diversity (homosexuality, bisexuality and the entire panoply of perversions), and view themselves as animals unable to control their instincts.

Bill Clinton's first Surgeon General wanted public schools to teach children to masturbate. Joycelyn Elders was behind the times. While there's no hands-on instruction, kids are encouraged to engage in all sorts of extracurricular experimentation.

Naturally, mom and dad are obstacles here. So schools strenuously resist giving them clues about what's going on. Sex education is called health or hygiene. Pro-sodomy instruction is designated tolerance or accepting diversity. Parental notification laws are widely ignored.

Recently, in Lexington, Massachusetts (ironically, home address of the American Revolution) a father went to the principal's office of his local elementary school and insisted that he be notified before his five-year-old received information on homosexuality. He was promptly arrested for trespass.

Lenin said, “Give us a child for eight years, and it will be a Bolshevik forever.” The sexual revolution employs the same strategy, with a somewhat expanded timeframe.

The judiciary has become the enforcement arm of militant secularism – its bone-crushers, leg-breakers and heavy artillery. That’s why leftists like Charles Schumer and Harry Reid will fight to the death to keep nominees who’ve even heard of the doctrine of original intent off the bench. That’s what the coming bloodbath over the Supreme Court nomination of Judge Samuel Alito is really about.

Middle America is beginning to catch on. In a recent survey sponsored by the judge-worshipping American Bar Association, 56% either strongly or somewhat agreed with the statement, “Judges routinely overrule the will of the people, invent new rights and ignore traditional morality.” A plurality (46%) said judges were “arrogant, unaccountable and out-of-control.” What remains to be seen is how far they will go to recover their lost liberty.

The left wants your children. It’s committed to liberating them from parental authority and Judeo-Christian morality -- to build a world that very much resembles a Roman orgy or, worse, San Francisco.

The courts are determined to abolish the family. Citizens who haven’t been neutered should be marching on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Circuit Court of Appeals, with flaming brands in hand, carrying tar and feathers.

At a conference on judicial tyranny, a gentleman was heard to remark: “Most of these people just want to impeach judges. I want to impale them!” Where’s Vlad Tepes when you really need him?

