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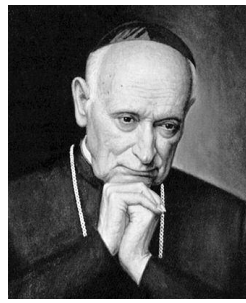
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## Trouble in Paradise The Marxist Attacks on Marriage and the Family

**R**evolutionary Road, a recent film adaptation of the depressing 1961 novel by Richard Yates, depicts the story of a disintegrating suburban family in the 1950s. It is arguably the cinematic equivalent of Betty Friedan's 1963 bestseller, *The Feminine Mystique*, which convinced millions of suburban housewives that their lives were meaningless. The movie underscores the fact that just as Christianity and private property are under attack, the Left will not cease its relentless assault on the traditional family.

### Fragile Nucleus

**T**he family is the pillar of all civilizations. Remove the family and a society is left without its most important bulwark against tyranny and disintegration. The family cannot be legislated or bamboozled out of existence without dire consequences. It serves, not only as a viable social unit, but also as a moral and social incubator for the next generation. However blessed a family has been with children, money and success, its existence exists within a fragile nucleus that depends heavily on the support of many other institutions, including the state, churches, and media.

Throughout the second half of the 20th century, the structure of the family has changed radically. Due to the movement for unfettered individualism, the family has been coming apart at the seams. The divorce rate is astronomical, while the birth rate in many countries is below replacement rate of 2.0 children per family. Couples are cohabitating without benefit of marriage, and the practice receives societal acceptance. Contraception and adultery have become a common thread in the social fabric and many regard fornication as a recreational activity rather than a sinful act. The public school system's graphic sexual education programs have initiated children into pre-marital and homosexual behavior at an early and tender age. Planned Parenthood has led the push to increase sex education in the public schools, even at the elementary levels, which can foster a childlike curiosity that often is satisfied by morally dangerous experimentation. Sex education is arguably responsible for countless unwanted pregnancies, abortions, school dropouts, and poverty. It has unleashed an epidemic of sexually transmitted disease that has caused sterility among thousands of young women.

The decline of traditional marriage has extracted a large price on American children. Family stability has been consistently found to be the deciding factor in a wide range of behaviors that directly influence academic performance, including emotional and psychological distress, social misbehavior, substance abuse, sexual activity and teen pregnancy. Reports have found that children from broken homes had higher rates of depression, anxiety and low self-esteem, especially teenagers. Preschoolers from broken homes were much more likely to suffer from physical and emotional illnesses than children from stable homes.

There is also a serious external threat to the American family. According to *Eagle Forum*, the United Nations is still trying to implement its *Convention on the Rights of the Child*, which was signed in 1995 by President Bill Clinton but rejected by the U. S. Senate. This UN treaty purports to give the child the right to express his own views *freely in all matters, to receive information of all kinds through media of the child's choice, to freedom from religion, or to be protected from interference with his or her privacy and to have the right to rest and leisure*. In other words the UN is undermining parental rights, promoting abortion, contraception, atheism and pornography to American youth. Expect this treaty to resurface under President Obama. (see Phyllis Schlafly Report-June 2002).

### The Marital Equation

**W**hile divorce has ended millions of marriages, it is more a fatal symptom of trouble in paradise than a cause of family decline. American culture has done everything in its power to undermine faithful marital relationships. It has removed virtually all of the social taboos of society that used to protect marriage from harmful influences, especially those regarding human sexuality. For over 30 years American literature, films and music have ridiculed the virtues that a lasting marriage needs.

Too many couples go into marriage for all the wrong reasons. They have succumbed to the romantic notions that Broadway, Hollywood and Motown have held up as the epitome of human relations. They tend to worship more at the altar of consumerism and sensate pleasures than Church. The modern family is turning more and more away from the

traditional Christian family structure. Like the family in the movie Revolutionary Road, God seems to be missing from an increasing number of American families.

### A Battlefield of Lust and Love

The mother and father are vital to the family structure. As Ann Coulter points out in her recent book, *Guilty*, American society now lionizes the single mother. Many women do not deliberately choose to be single mothers. Many are widowed or have rogue husbands who abandon their families. Coulter faults the single women who *choose to have children out of wedlock*. Deliberately depriving her child of a real father, buttressed by the legal and moral safeguards of marriage and the family, is the epitome of selfishness and irresponsibility. Nadya Suleman, an unmarried California woman, through in vitro fertilization produced 14 children, including octuplets and is a prime example of an ego without boundaries. Contrast her with the case of professional basketball player Candace Parker who proudly announced that she and her husband were going to have a baby and she was giving up her athletic career. Twisted feminists and some fans reacted swiftly with condemnation for her *selfishness* in putting her maternal ambitions ahead of her team's fortunes on the basketball court.

On another level for over 50 years the *Playboy Philosophy*, a sterile intellectualization of women as the plaything of men, has spread its dangerous tentacles into all walks of American society. Playboy Magazine and other sleazy publications have served as the *entry drug* that have often leads to a deeper and darker world of hardcore pornographic images, including sadism, varied sexual fantasies, child pornography and the criminal abuse of children, even babies and toddlers.

Because of the Internet, pornography has increased rapidly as millions of men and some women have sought sensual pleasures on the thousands of raw websites that have spawned an addiction rate of huge proportions. By its very nature, this form of self-induced sexual slavery undermines the moral bond of the human family. Ted Bundy, one of the most notorious serial killers in recent times, admitted to Dr James Dobson before his execution in 1989 that he had been addicted to pornography most of his life. Concerning pornography Pope John Paul II lamented that *the heart has become a battlefield between love and lust*.

### A Big Tent

The militant homosexual movement has had a deleterious affect on the American family. It has blatantly rejected the traditional definition of marriage as a union of one man and one woman. Since the 1980s, every imaginable attempt has been made to make homosexuality appear normal. Their movement sees the deconstruction of traditional marriage as an important step in getting full societal acceptance.

To advance their goals, Hollywood is always ready to play its role. The 2008 movie, Milk, depicting the life and legend of San Francisco's slain homosexual activist, Harvey Milk, is a powerful portrayal of Milk's Alinskyian ability to organize his community against the traditional moral establishment. Fearing a political backlash, government officials cowered

before the homosexuals' new found political and economic power to pave the way for the final acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle through a redefinition of traditional marriage. The actual legalization which started in Vermont, found acceptance in Hawaii, and became constitutional in Massachusetts, is on the horizon for the Obama administration.

The Catholic Church opposes homosexual relationships because they are intrinsically disordered and an abuse of human nature. Pope John Paul II instructed Catholic officials around the world to oppose the legalization of homosexual marriage. In November 2008 Pope Benedict XVI announced support of California's Proposition 8, which outlawed homosexual marriage. Just as mankind wants to protect the rainforests, the Pope argued that *the Church should also protect man from the destruction of himself. A sort of ecology of man is needed*, he told the Vatican Curia.

In 2006 a throng of self-described lesbian, homosexual, bisexual, and transgendered protesters and their liberal allies among academia and the professions released a manifesto entitled, Beyond Same-Sex Marriage. Their statement called for the recognition of *committed, loving households in which there is more than one conjugal partner*. They want a *big tent* definition of marriage so there is virtually no distinction between people living under the same roof. This is precisely what former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum warned against when the Supreme Court overturned the sodomy laws of Georgia in the 2003 case, Lawrence vs. Texas. With that decision, Santorum argued *...you have the right to bigamy... incest... and adultery*.

### No Family Ties

The decline of the family has not been a Darwinian accident. Marxism has worked toward a complete destruction of the most basic institutions of Western Civilization for over 150 years. It has promised that in their earthly paradise the institution of marriage would quickly disappear. Communists blame marriage for the chains that bound men to a bourgeois morality that obstructed true earthly happiness.

In the Communist Manifesto, 1848, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels wrote that *the bourgeois family will vanish as a matter of course*. As Fr . John Hardon, S.J. surmised, the Communists *desire to introduce, in substitution for a hypocritically concealed, an openly legalized, community of women*, something akin to what Secretary of State Hillary Clinton meant by *it takes a village to raise a child*. Marxists have historically feared the family because it is a rival center of power. Since communism is totalitarian and tolerates no rivals, strong family ties make it harder to impose a dictatorship. Alienated family members become what C. S. Lewis called *Men Without Chests*, that is, people who will be more susceptible to throwing off the moral chains that bind their passions and build their character, making them ripe for communist enslavement.

William Z. Foster was General Secretary of the American Communist Party. In his 1932 book, *Toward Soviet America* he described the so-called freedom of the American woman as a myth. *Either she is a gilded butterfly bourgeois parasite or she is an oppressed slave*. Foster also advanced the idea that everything a woman did in her home

was worthless, and personally unsatisfying. His inflammatory rhetoric paved the way for Betty Friedan's successful undermining of suburban marriage in the 1960s.

Friedan, the former Bettye Naomi Goldstein, was not the simple housewife frustrated in her need of a satisfying career outside her oppressive suburban surroundings. She had been a Stalinist propagandist since her student days at Smith College in the late 1930s. Later she served as a dedicated disciple of cultural Marxist Herbert Marcuse, a fact conveniently absent from resumes and later her obituaries. Inspired by the revolutionary theories of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Gramsci, her *women's liberation movement* has left a tattered legacy of confusion and broken marriages that have inflicted much damage on Western society.

### Deep Compliance

The dedication of communists and feminists, like Foster and Friedan, could not have been so successful without the able assistance of the entertainment and news media. To sell the deconstruction of the family to the public, the cultural Marxists needed the compliance of the media. In the 1950s the cordial TV environment of the Nelsons, the Andersons, and the Cleavers were standard viewing fare for many American families. Every week these cheerful and optimistic parents and their model children handled the mundane problems of life with honesty and righteous integrity.

Since then, especially in movies like *Revolutionary Road*, and plays such as *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf*, adultery, pre-marital sex and the absence of a moral and spiritual image of marriage are depicted without hesitation or reservation. Gramscian women, like the lonely libertines of TV's *Desperate Housewives*, have set the new secular standard for twisted reality.

Father Benedict Groeschel has been a leading critic of the media's iconoclastic view of the family. In his keynote address at his Franciscans' Conference *Future Depends on Love*, Father Groeschel longed for a return to the days when movies inspired virtue and moral regeneration and often depicted the lives of saints and Catholic priests as heroes. He complained that the media *holds man as the center of reality when it is really God who is at the center*. In Pope John Paul II's address The Media and the Family: A Risk and a Richness for the 2004 World Communications Day, the Pope warned that the media had the capacity to do grave harm to families by presenting an incoherent or even deformed view on life, the family, religion, and morality.

### An Intimate Partner

Most people, except for the ideologically driven, understand the family's decisive role in the moral, spiritual and intellectual nurturing of each human being. In his 2005 book *It Takes a Family: Conservatism and the Common Good*, former Senator Rick Santorum argues that any attack on marriage undermines the future of American society. Drawing freely from anthropology and history, Santorum points out that *every known society has some form of marriage. And it's always about bringing together a male and a female into a union where the interests of children under the care of their own mother and father are protected*. As a practicing Catholic, Santorum grounds his ideas in natural law. He correctly asserts that *liberals believe that the traditional family is neither natural nor vital*. According to Santorum, the liberal elite promotes a Spenserian ideology of *No-Fault Freedom*, which insists that personal choice, grounded in an assertion of personal autonomy, is the highest good.

Santorum also argues that married people must be animated by the sense that they are stewards of the cultural inheritance of Western Civilization so they can combat the Marxist notion that marriage will inevitably disappear from the American landscape. Radio host Michael Medved's 2008 book, *The 10 Big Lies About America*, also treats this myth. He sees a revival of traditional marriage as Americans realize the importance of permanence and stability in their lives.

The Pontifical Council for the Family convened the Sixth World Meeting of Families in Mexico City January 13-18, 2009, with the theme The Family as Educator in Human and Christian Values. Over 50, 000 attendees heard Pope Benedict XVI stress the necessity "to develop a family culture and policies that are driven in an organized manner by the families themselves. The family should be able to count on deserved cultural, legal, social and medical protection." He added: "Living ... in filial obedience to God with fidelity and in generously accepting children, caring for the weakest and ready to forgive, becomes a living Gospel that all can read"

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