

A Brief for the Justice Committee of Canada concerning the implementation of Bill C-6 to amend the Criminal Code.

Dear Committee Members: I had a wonderful brother who passed away four years ago. He struggled with same-sex attraction for most of his adult life and even though Mom and Dad accepted him and loved him, he was often distraught with having those feelings of being gay. He believed they were not God's best for his life. And so he sought out help. First, here in Canada and then he moved to the United States where he found a loving and supportive husband and wife couple who spent many hours counselling him. He returned to Canada feeling much better about himself and was a mentor to his work colleagues. They highly respected him as did all his clients. He was on the verge of retirement and then suddenly, he passed away in his sleep. Many of his family still miss him dearly.

I give you this preamble to my submission to help you understand my emotions expressed in my Brief. I present it with passion, yet highly respectful of the Committee's duty and responsibility to judge this Bill fairly and be willing to discard it, if it deems necessary.

Therefore, To the Committee, December 6, AD2020

The present Liberal Government would like to amend the criminal code with Bill C-6, by adding, conversion therapy, as a crime of obscenity, equal to the likes of child pornography, voyeurism and advertisement of sexual services. This seems to me, like taking a sledgehammer to a fly.

Who in their right mind, at a time of a national pandemic, would consider that people struggling with mental health should have their counselors thrown in prison by offering to help. We don't even consider it a crime for helping opioid addicts shoot up, by offering them a safe haven. My brother and I were taught, that the best conversion therapy from a life of sin and brokenness has always been the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also the Greek.(Romans 1:16) The Bible

Will preaching the Gospel be considered advertising for Conversion Therapy and subject to heavy fines and jail time? Is the main problem with conversion therapy really solved by creating more laws?

Teaching and believing the truths revealed about God and His commandments as found in the Bible would seem to be the more logical way to help all of society not just the very vulnerable, deal with their problems. The Word of God is the pillar of truth upon which the foundation of all creation rests.

Without a knowledge of God, our Father in heaven, our young people struggle and grow up as confused and frustrated adults, not able to handle the stresses and trials of daily living. The sexual revolution of the sixties and seventies seems to have turned into the sexual exploitation of the internet today and most people both young and old are unable to handle it without the help of knowing God's grace and love.

Not everyone who counsels young people towards a healthy understanding of their sexuality is devious and deceiving. Most therapists are gifted by God to respond to their clients legitimate needs. Make them feel wanted. In my opinion, this Bill C-6 is neither helpful nor necessary. Please put the sledgehammer away!

Thank you for listening.

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