

# American Extremists in Russia

## AMERICAN CONSERVATIVES SEE THE RUSSIAN CRACKDOWN ON THE LGBT COMMUNITY AS A MODEL

**HEADLINE: “Russia Anti-Gay Bill Admired By Some U.S. Conservatives”** [Associated Press, [7/1/13](#)]

**HEADLINE: “How America’s Right Wing Helped Russia Craft Its Anti-Gay Laws”** [Salon, [10/4/13](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Developments In Russia And Other Nations Should Inspire U.S. Conservatives, Say Activists”** [Buzzfeed, [11/15/13](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Why American Social Conservatives Love Anti-Gay Putin”** [Daily Beast, [8/1/13](#)]

**HEADLINE: “6 American Conservative Groups Publicly Support Russia's Anti-Gay 'Propaganda' Law”** [Huffington Post, [9/5/13](#)]

**HEADLINE: “How US Evangelicals Fueled the Rise of Russia’s ‘Pro-Family’ Right”** [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

**The Language Of Russia’s Anti-Gay Movement Borrows Heavily From The Evangelical Movement In The US.** “The language of Russia’s anti-gay and anti-abortion movement seems to borrow most heavily from mainstream evangelicals and conservative politicians in the United States and Europe. Referring to the anti-abortion bill passed in 2011, Lyubov Erofeeva, executive director of the Russian Association for Population and Development, a women’s advocacy group, said: ‘It was 100 percent clear that everything was copied from the experience of American fundamentalists and conservative circles of several European countries where abortion is forbidden or restricted severely.’” [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

## AMERICAN CONSERVATIVES HAVE BEEN COURTING RUSSIA FOR YEARS

**American Conservatives Have Been Working In Russia For At Least 15 Years.** “After passing through a long hall filled with dozens of Dr. Dobson’s awards from Christian broadcast associations, we stop to examine a map of the world that is peppered with colored pins showing the reaches of Dr. Dobson’s empire. Some 4,000 radio and TV stations in more than 40 countries carry ‘Focus on the Family’ broadcasts, and many of them are translated into the local language. Since I’ve already been thinking about Lenin, I can’t help but notice the number of pins in his old homeland. ‘How ironic,’ I say, ‘that there are so many in Russia.’ ‘Yes,’ says Steve, smiling. ‘Just a few years ago it was impossible for us to broadcast in the Soviet Union at all, but today the Russian Federation has one of ‘Focus’ largest audiences.’” [Salon, [7/9/98](#)]

**The World Congress Of Families Was One Of The Founders Of FamilyPolicy.Ru, A Group Established To Promote The “Natural Family” In Russian And International Law.** In 2012, the World Congress of Families helped establish FamilyPolicy.ru Advocacy Group. According to FamilyPolicy.ru, “We are convinced that now is the time to create an effective mechanism for protection of the natural family on the level of the Russian and international law, to build highly efficient network of pan-Russian grassroots pro-family activists, that would be able to consistently exert real influence on the family policy in Russia, at the U.N. and internationally.” [FamilyPolicy.ru, [accessed 11/15/13](#)]

## THE WORLD CONGRESS OF FAMILIES HAS TIES WITH RUSSIA DATING BACK TO THE 1990s

**Allan Carlson, The Founder Of The World Congress Of Families Has Been Visiting Russia Since 1995, Where He Developed The Idea For The WCF.** “Established in 1997 by Dr. Allan Carlson, the WCF is an interfaith, international movement whose mission is to ‘restore the natural family as the fundamental social unit.’ Back in 1995, Carlson was invited to speak at Moscow State University by two professors of sociology who admired his book *Family Questions: Reflections on the American Social Crisis*. According to Jennifer Butler in *Born Again: The Christian Right Globalized*, ‘The professors and Carlson, joined by a lay leader in the Russian Orthodox Church, came to the conclusion that what they needed was to bring together scholars and leaders from ‘newly free Europe and Russia’ to meet with leaders from the West.’ The first global conference was held in Prague in 1997 and drew more than 700 participants.” [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

**The World Congress Of Families Held A Demographic Summit In Moscow In 2011.** “In 2011, the World Congress of Families held its first Demographic Summit in Moscow. The 2011 summit was attended by leading US evangelicals like Janice Shaw Crouse of Concerned Women for America and Larry Jacobs of the WCF. The meeting’s Russian attendees included not only church heavyweights but Natalia Yakunina, chair of the Sanctity of Motherhood Program and wife of Vladimir Yakunin, the head of the state-run Russian Railways and a member of Putin’s inner circle. In promotional material, the WCF claims that the 2011 summit ‘helped pass the first Russian laws restricting abortion in modern history.’” [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

- **A Follow Up WCF Summit Was Held In Ulyanovsk In 2012.** “The WCF held a follow-up Demographic Summit in Ulyanovsk in 2012.” [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

## THE WORLD CONGRESS OF FAMILIES HAS TIES TO THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

**The World Congress Of Families Will Be Held At The Kremlin In September 2014.** “In a sign of Russia’s evolving stature among some U.S. social conservatives, the Illinois-based World Congress of Families plans to hold its eighth international conference at the Kremlin’s Palace of Congresses in Moscow next year. Past conferences in Europe, Mexico and Australia have brought together opponents of abortion and same-sex marriage from dozens of countries. ‘The Kremlin used to be a no-no for conservatives,’ said Larry Jacobs, managing director of the World Congress. ‘We’re going to redeem that building.’” [Associated Press, [7/1/13](#)]

**The World Congress Of Families Is Represented In Russia By American And British Educated Alexey Komov.** “The organizer of the events and the WCF’s representative in Russia is Alexey Komov, a 41-year-old doctoral candidate in the social sciences at Moscow State University. Komov, who studied in the United States and the United Kingdom, is part of a new generation of young anti-choice activists in Russia who are drawing on tactics that have come to define the battle over reproductive rights in the United States.” [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

- **Komov Established FamilyPolicy.Ru A Group Dedicated To Creating A Network Of “Grassroots Pro-Family Activists” To Influence Russian Policy.** “Komov has established his own group, FamilyPolicy.ru, whose mission is to create a network of “grassroots pro-family activists” in Russia to influence legislation, policy-makers and the media. A rising star in Russia’s conservative movement, Komov began working with the Orthodox Church’s Department of External Relations under Alfeyev in January 2012. According to a WCF newsletter, ‘His responsibilities include Church relations with

institutions in foreign countries,' from political parties and think tanks to foundations and NGOs." [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

### **HIGH RANKING MEMBERS OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH HAVE VISITED THE US TO MEET WITH AMERICAN SOCIAL CONSERVATIVES**

**The Head Of The Russian Orthodox Church's Department Of External Church Relations Visited The US In 2011 And Met With "Pro-Family" Leaders, Including George W. Bush.** "The Russian Orthodox Church's chief emissary to the US evangelical community is Hilarion Alfeyev, a high-ranking bishop and chairman of the powerful Department of External Church Relations (the position previously held by Patriarch Kirill). In February 2011, the 47-year-old Alfeyev traveled to Washington, where he met with prominent evangelical and 'pro-family' leaders; and then to Dallas, where he addressed thousands of members of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church and emphasized the importance of 'creat[ing] new alliances,' especially around issues of marriage, abortion and the family. Alfeyev also visited the Dallas Theological Seminary and had an hour-long meeting with George W. Bush." [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

- **Alfeyev's First Trip Was Arranged By Jerry Fullinwider, An Oil Executive And Major Donor To Koch Brothers Projects.** "The trip to Dallas grew out of an increasingly close friendship between church leaders and a small circle of American and European Christian businessmen in Moscow. Alfeyev's visit was organized by Jerry Fullinwider, an oil executive and elder of the Highland Park church who, until recently, had business interests in Russia. Fullinwider, a member of the Koch brothers' circle of major donors—those who have given more than \$1 million to Koch-related causes—met Alfeyev through his friend Bob Foresman, head of Barclay's Capital in Russia. This select group of businessmen has unusual access to Alfeyev." [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]
- **Alfeyev Returned To The US In 2012 To Deliver A Lecture At Villanova.** "Alfeyev's first trip to the United States paved the way for others, and in October 2012 he delivered a lecture at Villanova University, where he received an honorary degree and paid a visit to the Milwaukee-based Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation." [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

### **AN AMERICAN FOUNDATION PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR A LEADING RUSSIAN "PRO-FAMILY" CHARITY**

**The Milwaukee-Based Lynde And Harry Bradley Foundation Has Spent Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars Supporting A Socially Conservative Charity In Moscow.** "One of the largest donor organizations of its kind in the United States, the Bradley Foundation, with more than \$600 million in assets, is known for its contributions to US conservative groups like the Heritage Foundation and the Heartland Institute. But its charity isn't limited to home: over the last four years, the foundation has given \$750,000 to the St. Gregory the Theologian Charity Foundation in Moscow, a new educational and cultural initiative founded in 2009 by Alfeyev, Russian billionaire and pharmaceutical magnate Vadim Yakunin, and Leonid Sevastianov, a 35-year-old international business consultant and head of Stratinvest.ru, a consulting and public relations firm. In 2009, through Alfeyev's charity, the Bradley Foundation donated \$150,000 to support the 'Day of the Family,' a recently created Russian holiday honoring faith and fidelity." [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

- **Founder Of St. Gregory The Theologian Charity Foundation: "We Want To Promote The Idea Of The Unity Between The West And Russia On The Basis Of Common Christian Roots."** "We want to promote the idea of the unity between the West and Russia on the basis of common Christian

roots,' Sevastianov told Inside the Vatican magazine in 2009. 'We believe in this alliance among traditional Christian countries...and we believe that, with a united voice, we can be a strong force against the radical secular world which has become dominant in our societies.'" [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

### **SPEAKER BOEHNER WELCOMED PRO-RUSSIAN HATE PEDDLERS TO THE US CAPITOL**

**Speaker Boehner's Office Booked Space For The World Congress Of Families To Host A Panel On Lessons The US Can Learn From Russia's Anti-Gay Policies.** "The office of House Speaker John Boehner secured meeting space for the World Congress of Families after their original sponsor, Illinois Sen. Mark Kirk, canceled their space in a Senate office building following an outcry from LGBT activists, the group's leader said. [...] Boehner spokesman Michael Steel said that providing space for the event did not suggest the speaker is necessarily in support of their views in a statement to BuzzFeed. 'One of the duties of the Speaker's office is scheduling rooms throughout the Capitol complex, and we routinely provide a forum for discussion of public policy issues from across the political spectrum, including for liberal causes,' Steel said. 'This administrative task obviously does not imply endorsement of any particular point of view.'" [Buzzfeed, [11/15/13](#)]

- **Republican Senator Mark Kirk Had Previously Withdrawn His Support For The WCF Panel.** "Late Thursday, Illinois Senator Mark Kirk's office abruptly canceled access to a Senate meeting room for a Friday event scheduled by a social conservative organization that is supportive of Russia's "homosexual propaganda" ban, event organizers told BuzzFeed. [...] A spokesman for Kirk, Lance Trover, told BuzzFeed on Thursday night, 'Sen. Kirk doesn't affiliate with groups that discriminate.'" [Buzzfeed, [11/14/13](#)]

**The 2014 World Congress Of Families Will Include A Parliamentary Forum Organized By Yelena Mizulina, The Author Of Russia's Anti-Gay Laws.** "New legislation will be high on the agenda at the WCF's 2014 congress in Moscow in September. The event, titled 'Every Child a Gift: Large Families—the Future of Humanity,' will include a special parliamentary forum organized by Mizulina, who is known as "the Inquisitor" and drafted both the anti-abortion and anti-gay bills. "Pro-family" MPs from Europe and around the world are expected to attend." [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

### **FRINGE AMERICAN PASTORS PROTESTED IN FAVOR OF RUSSIA'S ANTI-GAY LAWS AT THE OLYMPICS IN SOCHI**

**Americans Protested In Support Of Russia's Anti-Gay Laws At The Sochi Olympics.** "Step out of the main train station in downtown Sochi and most of the people you'll see are volunteers handing out maps. Cross the street and you might also come across three middle-aged Americans handing out religious literature and speaking out against homosexuality. On Friday evening, while huge crowds made their way to the Olympic opening ceremony viewing party, the men warned that 'Judgment is coming' and shook hands with anyone who would stop to listen. A few locals did. But more significantly, at a time when discussion of the Olympics is dominated by issues of discrimination, none of the large police presence near the station appeared to approach them. Meanwhile, Friday night brought reports that at least four gay rights activists were arrested in St. Petersburg. One of the three men in Sochi—Larry Craft from Rochester, N.Y.—said that earlier in the day, they had spent a few hours at the police station after their banner got them in trouble. It read, 'God bless Putin for his stance on homosexuals.' He said that they were allowed to return to the sidewalk if they promised to put the banner away." [Wall Street Journal, [2/8/14](#)]

## MATT BARBER

**Matt Barber Said Russia’s Anti-Gay Propaganda Law Managed To “Out Christian Our Once-Christian Nation.”** “Russia, India, Croatia, Peru, Jamaica and even Australia, for instance, along with other nations, are now moving to inoculate themselves from the fast-metastasizing cancer of sexual relativism. [...] The world has looked to America’s moral leadership and found it wanting. The climate under Obama has gotten so bad, in fact, that Russian leader Vladimir Putin feels emboldened to claim for Russia the mantle of world moral leader – a proud distinction hitherto held by the good ol’ USA. The Daily Mail reports that, in his state of the nation address, ‘Putin sought to cast Russia as the moral arbiter of the world on Thursday, as he hit out at America’s ‘non-traditional values’ and its influence across the world.’ Russia has barred ‘LGBT’ and other sexual anarchist propaganda. [...] How sad that the leader of an atheist government, in a country where tens of millions have died under Marxism – another of Obama’s pet causes – could out-Christian our once-Christian nation.” [Matt Barber Column, World Net Daily, [12/13/13](#)]

## BRIAN BROWN

**June 2013: Brian Brown Traveled To Russia With Five French Activists To Discuss Gay Adoption.** At the invitation of the State Duma, a delegation of five French went to Moscow: Aymeric Chauprade, writer, specialist in geopolitics, Fabrice Sorlin specialist Franco-Russian issues, François Legrier representative of the Catholic Movement of Families Odile Téqui representative families and children gassed by police during protests against the homosexual "marriage" and Hugues Revel, representing the collective "Catholic Campaign." We were accompanied to the Duma by Mr. Brian Brown, president of the powerful National Organization for Marriage (NOM), which has made a remarkable speech in the Duma, where he called for an international life and marriage. [Catholiques en Campagne (translated), [6/23/13](#)]

- **Brown Addressed The Duma Opposing Gay Adoption And Defending The “Normal Civil Rights” Of Children.** “Brown: I think that this visit , an invitation to visit Russia , will contribute to the development of this movement all over the world. We will unite, we will protect our children, their normal civil rights. Every child should have the right to have normal parents: the father and the mother.” [Brian Brown Speech to the Russian Duma (translated), [6/13/13](#)]
- **While In Russia, Brown Attended A Roundtable On "Traditional Values: The Future Of The European Peoples," Hosted By The St. Basil The Great Foundation.** [St. Basil the Great Foundation (translated), [6/13/13](#)]
- **Brown To Russia: “If You Don’t Defend Your Values Now, I’m Afraid We’re Going To See Very Negative Developments All Over The World.”** “Brown: Right now you’re having the fight about adoption, but the adoption issue is indivisible from the marriage issue. If you don’t defend your values now, I’m afraid we’re going to see very negative developments all over the world.” [“Vesti,” Russia 1, [6/2013](#)]
- **Putin Signed The Anti Gay Adoption Bill Days After Brown’s Trip To Russia.** “President Vladimir Putin has signed a bill that sharply limits the adoption of Russian children by people from countries that allow same-sex marriage. The new law prohibits adoption by same-sex foreign couples whose

homeland recognizes their union as marriage, as well as by single people or unmarried couples from those countries.” [Associated Press, [7/4/13](#)]

- **600,000 Russian Children Are Without Parental Custody.** “The adoption bill further shrinks the possibilities for 600,000 Russian children without parental custody. Last year, Russia banned all adoptions by Americans.” [Associated Press, [7/4/13](#)]

**October 2013 National Organization For Marriage President Brian Brown Returned To Russia.** “Chris Clark: He’s the President of the National Organization for Marriage. He is part of the steering committee for Privacy for All Students. Brian joins us... Brian, I think you’re coming to us... Are you in an airport? I think you just got back from Russia. Is that right? Brian Brown: I did. I just got back from Russia last night and I’m heading out to New Orleans today. [Privacy For All Students, Referendum AB1266, 10/18/13; [VIDEO](#)]

- **Brown Confirmed That He Traveled To Russia To Plan For The 2014 World Congress Of Families In Moscow.** In a statement Brown said, “Yes, I went to Russia. I serve on the steering committee for the World Congress of Families which will be held in Moscow in 2014. We are proud to work with our allies in Russia and around the world to protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman.” [“Rachel Maddow Show,” MSNBC, 10/22/13; [VIDEO](#)]
- **Brown Was In Russia With Other Anti-Gay Activists To Plan The 2014 World Congress Of Families.** “Members of the International Planning Committee for WCF VIII that attended the Moscow meeting included: Ignacio Arsuaga (HazteOir, Spain), Brian Brown (National Organization for Marriage, U.S.), Benjamin Bull (Alliance Defending Freedom, U.S.), Allan Carlson, Lawrence Jacobs and Don Feder (The Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society and World Congress of Families, U.S.), Silvio Dalla Valle (Association for the Defense of Christian Values, Italy), Shelly Locke (Power of Mothers, U.S.), Bob McKoskrie (Family First, New Zealand), Tom Minnery (Focus on The Family, U.S.) Justin Murff (Christian Broadcasting Network, U.S.), Austin Ruse (Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute, U.S.), Steven Smoot (Family First Foundation, U.S.), Christopher Carmouche (GrassTopsUSA), Christine Vollmer (Latin American Alliance for the Family, Venezuela), Peter Westmore (Australian Family Association), Srdjan Nogo (Dveri, Serbia), Vincente Segu (Incluyendo Mexico), Fabrice Sorlin (France) and Jack Hanick (formerly with FOX News, U.S.).” [World Congress of Families Press Release, [10/23/13](#)]

**Fred Karger Asked The Department of Justice To Investigate Brian Brown’s June Trip To Russia.** “Fred Karger, an activist and longtime US political operative, alleges that Brian Brown, head of the National Organization for Marriage (NOM), may have illegally lobbied a foreign government by meeting with Russian lawmakers in June prior to the Kremlin’s enactment of the ban. ‘I hope that both of you gentleman will use the authority of your offices to immediately investigate this possible very serious violation,’ Karger wrote to US Attorney General Eric Holder and US Secretary of State John Kerry in a letter dated Wednesday. Karger, a former US presidential hopeful, argues in the letter that by lobbying Russian legislators on the issue, Brown may have violated the US Logan Act, a law forbidding US citizens from conducting private diplomacy with foreign officials against the interests of the United States. ‘If Mr. Brown did travel to Moscow with French religious leaders with the express intention of furthering discrimination against LGBT [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender] Russians and all LGBT travelers to Russia, this could be in direct conflict with current United States laws,’ Karger wrote.” [RIA Novosti, [10/9/13](#)]



- **Brown Called Karger’s Allegations “Absurd.”** “Brown told RIA Novosti in a telephone interview Wednesday that he spoke extemporaneously at the meeting, and he called Karger’s suggestion that the speech may have violated US law ‘absurd.’ ‘It is laughable how little he understands that in America we’re free to stand up and speak for things like traditional marriage around the world,’ Brown said. Brown said he was invited to speak to the lawmakers by Russian activists working with the World Congress of Families, an Illinois-based conservative group set to hold a global convention in Moscow next year. He said Karger’s appeal to top US officials would not deter his work abroad.” [RIA Novosti, [10/9/13](#)]

**Brown: “We’re Going To Work With Allies Around The World.”** “‘We’ve been very open that we’re going to work with allies around the world that believe marriage is a union between a man and a woman,’ Brown said.” [RIA Novosti, [10/9/13](#)]

### **PAT BUCHANAN**

**Pat Buchanan Praised Putin For “Trying To Re-Establish The Orthodox Church As The Moral Compass Of The Nation.”** “Our moral and cultural elites have put Putin on notice: Get in step with us on homosexual rights -- or we may just boycott your Sochi games. What this reveals is the distance America has traveled, morally and culturally, in a few short years, and our amnesia about who we Americans once were, and what it is we once believed. [...] Putin is trying to re-establish the Orthodox Church as the moral compass of the nation it had been for 1,000 years before Russia fell captive to the atheistic and pagan ideology of Marxism.” [Pat Buchanan Column, TownHall.com, [8/13/13](#)]

### **BRIAN CAMENKER**

**Camenker Said He Hoped Russian Authorities Would Stop LGBT Rights Organizers From Demonstrating At The Olympics.** “‘What I really think will happen is the Russians will do a good enough job of figuring out who is going to do what to stop it beforehand because they don’t want to be embarrassed. I’ll bet you they’re smart enough to effectively stop it, they were the ones that figured out the Boston Marathon terrorists were terrorists long before the FBI did.” [Mission America, 10/19/13; [AUDIO](#)]

**Camenker Blamed Homophobic Violence In Russia On Gay People.** “Camenker: If you’re going to do something that most of the population considers bad or immoral or disgusting in public, you’re going to get a certain reaction. I think that they push that as far as they can and sometimes you just can’t do it.” [Mission America, 10/19/13; [AUDIO](#)]

- **Camenker: “The Natural Way People React To Homosexuality — Outside Of All The Diversity Training — Is A Certain Amount Of Revulsion.”** “Harvey: They’re maintaining that people that are homosexual, who in anyway display that they are homosexual in Russia are beat up by gangs, do you have any documentation that that is actually happening or that it is actually happening and is not being punished as it ought to be or is just hype by them? Camenker: Well, it’s hard to say. I would say that a lot of it is probably true. The natural way people react to homosexuality — outside of all the diversity training — is a certain amount of revulsion. So if two men start kissing in the public street, you can expect a certain reaction from people.” [Mission America, 10/19/13; [AUDIO](#)]

### **PAUL CAMERON**

**October 2013: Discredited Psychologist Paul Cameron Addressed The Russian Duma On “Family Values.”** “Russia’s parliament invited an American anti-gay psychologist whose work has been widely discredited to give expert testimony where he suggested that a third of LGBTs support pedophilia, according to a participant in the meeting. Family Research Institute founder Paul Cameron, who has been censured by the American Psychological Association and the American Sociological Association for distorting statistics in efforts to block LGBT rights, spoke at a Duma roundtable on ‘family values,’ according to tweets from lawmaker Alexander Sidyakin.” [Buzzfeed, [10/28/13](#)]

- **The Southern Poverty Law Center Describes Cameron’s Work As “Hate Literature Masquerading As Legitimate Science.”** “Paul Cameron is an infamous anti-gay propagandist whose one-man statistical chop shop, the Family Research Institute, churns out hate literature masquerading as legitimate science.” [SPLCenter.org, [accessed 10/28/13](#)]
- **Cameron Was Expelled From The American Psychological Association And Censured By The American Sociological Association.** “Cameron holds a PhD in psychology from the University of Colorado, but he lost scientific credibility in the early 1980s, when he was expelled from the American Psychological Association. He then began presenting himself as a sociologist, which led to the censure of the American Sociological Association in 1985. At issue is not just that he disagrees with mainstream scientific positions on whether homosexuality is immutable or a mental illness, but the way he allegedly manipulates statistics to bolster anti-gay arguments. In its resolution censuring Cameron in 1985, the American Sociological Association stated that Cameron ‘has consistently misinterpreted and misrepresented sociological research on sexuality, homosexuality, and lesbianism,’ using ‘distorted interpretation of this research’ to campaign “for the abrogation of the civil rights of lesbians and gay men.” [Buzzfeed, [10/28/13](#)]
- **Cameron’s Sponsor, Alexander Sidyakin, Is A Close Ally Of Vladimir Putin.** “Sidyakin is a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin, and is the author of a law that imposes stiff penalties on NGOs who receive money from abroad and do not register as ‘foreign agents.’” [Buzzfeed, [10/28/13](#)]
- **Cameron’s Roundtable Was To Increase Support For A Law Targeting Gay And Lesbian Parents.** “Based on his tweets, the roundtable seemed to be intensifying the drumbeat in favor of laws targeting gay and lesbian parents. A pending proposal to away their children was recently withdrawn by its sponsor, Deputy Alexei Zhuravlyov, but he has promised to re-introduce it after some tweaks are made to its wording. Russia has already banned citizens of countries that have approved same-sex marriage from adopting Russian children. Sidyakin tweeted that Cameron’s statistics should silence critics of the law criminalizing ‘promoting non-traditional sexual relations to minors’” [Buzzfeed, [10/28/13](#)]

**Cameron Told The Russian Duma That One In Three Gay People Support Having Sex With Children.** “Cameron’s appearance before Russian lawmakers became known after MP Alexander Sidyakin began tweeting Cameron’s comments. According to Sidyakin, Cameron, ‘cited statistics of a survey of homosexuals [sic] 27% engage in sex with children from 15 to 18, 15% with children under 15; 32% think such sex is OK.’ ‘Such interesting statistics,’ Sidyakin wrote in follow up tweets. ‘The question is, should we give children away to be adopted by single-sex families? For me the answer’s obvious. Comrade Cameron is even harsher. He says we should ban those who openly promote their homosexual orientation from teaching children in schools.’ Sidyakin described Cameron as, ‘a hawk.’” [Gay Star News, [10/29/13](#)]



## ALLAN CARLSON

**Carlson Traveled to Russia In October 2013 To Plan For The 2014 World Congress Of Families.** “Pro-family leaders from ten countries met in Moscow (October 15-16) to plan World Congress of Families VIII, a celebration of the natural family, which will take place in Moscow, September 10-12, 2014. Members of the International Planning Committee for WCF VIII that attended the Moscow meeting included: [...] Allan Carlson, Lawrence Jacobs and Don Feder (The Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society and World Congress of Families, U.S..” [World Congress of Families Press Release, [10/23/13](#)]

**Allan Carson Said Russia Was “Trying To Put Decent Moral Society Back Together” After The “Libertine Approach To Sexuality” Infiltrated After The Fall Of Communism.** “Carlson said he cuts Russia a lot of slack because the country is ‘trying to put decent moral society back together’ after both Communism and some of the ‘bad things’ – like a ‘libertine approach to sexuality’ – that poured into Russia from the west after the fall of Communism.” [Right Wing Watch, [11/15/13](#)]

## BEN CARSON

**Ben Carson Said Putin Was Right When He Called America “Godless.”** “We used to characterize the Soviet Union as a godless, evil empire. Like many societies based on communism or socialism, the Soviets saw fit to minimize the importance of God and, in many cases, wreaked unimaginable persecution on religious people. [...] Interestingly, last year Russian President Vladimir Putin criticized Euro-Atlantic countries, including the United States, of becoming godless and moving away from Christian values. Some may bristle at such an accusation, but when you consider that many Americans are hesitant even to mention God or Jesus in public, there may be some validity to his claim. We also casually have tossed out many of the principles espoused in the Bible and have concluded that there’s no authority greater than man himself.” [Ben Carson Column, TownHall.com, [2/12/14](#)]

**Carson: The Russians Are Gaining “Prestige And Influence Throughout The World” Because They Are Becoming More Religious.** “While we Americans are giving a cold shoulder to our religious heritage, the Russians are warming to religion. The Russians seem to be gaining prestige and influence throughout the world as we are losing ours. I wonder whether there is a correlation.” [Ben Carson Column, TownHall.com, [2/12/14](#)]

## JANICE SHAW CROUSE

**December 2012: Janet Shaw Crouse Of Concerned Women For America Attended The Organizing Conference In Nizhny Novgorod For The National Parents Association, A Duma-Supported Organization To “Strengthen The Two-Parent, Mom And-Dad Family.”** “In December 2012, with support from the Duma’s Committee on Family, Women and Children and the Orthodox Church, Komov announced the creation of the National Parents Association. Janice Shaw Crouse attended the organizing conference in Nizhny Novgorod and hailed the NPA’s effort to “strengthen the two-parent, mom-and-dad family.” Komov will serve as the group’s CEO.” [The Nation, [1/27/14](#)]

**Crouse Said “Strong Leaders From Russia” Were “A Dream” For The World Congress Of Families.** “The Sydney event was a watershed that marked Russia’s movement into a leading role in promoting pro-family concerns. The World Congress of Families will be hosted at the Kremlin in 2014. The involvement of strong leaders from Russia was a dream that seemed against all odds in the late 1990s when the

movement was launched. It is a measure of the indispensable nature of the natural family and its universal relevance to all nations.” [Janice Shaw Crouse Column, Washington Times, [5/31/13](#)]

**Crouse Claimed That The LGBT Movement In Russia And Other Countries Was “Being Driven By Activists From The United States.”** “Crouse said the goal was to stave off what she described as the aggressive politicization of LGBT people driven by U.S. activists. ‘What we’re seeing in this country are activists who are going far beyond peaceful protest — they are turning into thugs who are destroying freedom of speech and destroying religious liberty,’ she said. ‘That’s not the case in other countries. This whole LGBT movement is being driven by activists from the United States, primarily.’” [Buzzfeed, [11/15/13](#)]

**Crouse Praised The Jailing Of Pussy Riot, Claiming That The Women Needed To Be “Held Accountable” For Their “Religious Bigotry.”** “The media -- both in Russia and in the U.S. -- ignores the religious bigotry directed at Christianity and, instead, jumps to the defense of anyone who shows intolerance towards the church. It is apparent from the closing statements of the three Russian feminists on trial that they are not sorry for their actions and, in fact, view themselves as the victims, not the Christians whom they denigrated. The punk rock group entered the sanctuary with the intent to insult Christians, and when they were held accountable, they claimed that it was someone else's fault. If you want to rage against that which you perceive to be unjust or unfair, it would go a long way toward credibility to also accept responsibility for your actions.” [Janice Shaw Crouse Column, American Thinker, [8/18/12](#)]

## **BRYAN FISCHER**

**Bryan Fischer Praised Russia’s Anti-Gay Crackdown: “This Is Public Policy That We’ve Been Advocating And Here Is A Nation In The World That Is Actually Putting It Into Practice.”** “What Russia has done here with this law is they have expressed the values that we have been advocating for years and years and years. We think this is risky behavior. It’s a risky lifestyle. It’s unnatural. It’s unhealthy. It’s dangerous. It’s immoral. We should not be propagating this among our teenagers. This is exactly what Russia has established as official public policy. In my mind we ought to be celebrating this. [...] This is public policy that we’ve been advocating and here is a nation in the world that is actually putting it into practice.” [“Focal Point,” 8/26/13;[VIDEO](#)]

**Fischer: “Russia Is Not Being Homophobic, It’s Homorealistic.”** “VOR also spoke with Bryan Fischer, head of the American Family Association, who has a different view on the situation. ‘Russia is not being homophobic, it’s homorealistic – the Russian government is trying to take the issue into consideration and establish public policy to contribute to public health, as this lifestyle is not be promoted, endorsed or granted special legal protection’, the expert said, warning of high health risks linked to this lifestyle. He cites the Center for Disease Control that has monitored the HIV epidemic since 1987 and determined that 61% of HIV-positive males had sexual contacts with other males.” [Voice of Russia, [8/9/13](#)]

**Fischer Called Russia’s Anti-Gay Propaganda Law “Good Ideas.”** “I think the Russian government is right to be concerned with propaganda on teenagers who are at the age of struggling through sexual identity issue and we should help to channel these urges in productive behavior. Heterosexuality is God’s design. Policies that encourage young people to think this are good ideas.” [Voice of Russia, [8/9/13](#)]

**Fischer: "Homosexual behavior is just as risky as drug abuse."** "Homosexual behavior is just as risky as drug abuse, Fischer said. [...] Though same-sex marriages are becoming common all across the world, it doesn't mean that this idea is popular and everybody supports it, Fischer said. 'Homosexual behavior damages the body and soul. We love homosexuals enough to tell them the truth.'" [Voice of Russia, [8/9/13](#)]

**Fischer's Goal Is To Make His Anti-Gay Views The Official Stance Of The Republican Party.** "For two hours every weekday, a broadcaster named Bryan Fischer hosts 'Focal Point,' a popular Christian radio talk show. He is one of the country's most vocal opponents of what he calls 'the homosexual-rights movement.' As he puts it, 'A rational culture that cares about its people will, in fact, discriminate against adultery, pedophilia, rape, bestiality, and, yes, homosexual behavior.' His goal is to make this view the official stance of the Republican Party." [New Yorker, [6/8/12](#)]

### **STEFANO GENNARINI**

**Gennarini Downplayed The Consequences Of The Russian Propaganda Law: "\$155 Is Hardly Unmanageable For Homosexuals Who Want To Kiss In Public."** "Stefano Gennarini, a colleague of Austin Ruse's at Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute, suggested in a blog post that criticisms of the bill in the West were 'hyperbole' and defended it as a reasonable effort to protect children. 'Russians have consistently denied homosexual groups parade permits, sparing its children and the public at large the ludicrous and disturbing behavior on show in the squares and streets of Europe and America,' Gennarini wrote. He characterized the bill's proposed fines as a tax on public displays of affection by homosexuals, adding that '\$155 is hardly unmanageable for homosexuals who want to kiss in public' he wrote." [Associated Press, [7/1/13](#)]

### **LINDA HARVEY**

**Linda Harvey On The Russian Anti-Gay Propaganda Law: "What Reasonable Adult Would Have A Problem With Keeping Kids On A Path Of High Moral Standards."** "Harvey: What responsible adult would have a problem with keeping kids on a path of high moral standards? Well, those who are very deceived themselves, apparently. In our country the sexual anarchists are wailing because Russian children and teens will not be allowed to hear homosexual propaganda. Children won't be told, falsely, that some are born to be homosexual. They won't be encouraged to declare themselves homosexual at age twelve or thirteen and label themselves for the rest of their school years. Russian children won't be taught that they are victims of the mainstream, straight world, that they should develop deep resentments and hostiles and shouldn't trust anything tradition-minded people say or do. The risks of same-sex relationships won't be carefully hidden from them, as they are here, and they just might have healthier, more stable lives as a result." [Mission America Radio, 9/4/13; [AUDIO](#)]

- **Harvey: "I Would Never Give A Stamp Of Approval On All That Might Be Going On In Russia, But This Is One Area Where It Seems I Agree With Them."** "Harvey: Now I would never give a stamp of approval on all that might be going on in Russia but this is one area where it seems I agree with them. They have apparently observed the harm being done to kids in the West as a result of homosexual exploitation and are pursuing a much wiser course before global gay activism gets a foothold there. If there is room in our prayers for the people of Russia friends, and I'm sure there is, let's pray that children there continue to be allowed protection in this way and in every other way God would want as well." [Mission America Radio, 9/4/13; [AUDIO](#)]

## LAURIE HIGGINS

**The Illinois Family Association’s Laurie Higgins Said The Russian Anti-Gay Propaganda Law Was “Reasonable And Wise.”** “To assault people because of their beliefs or feelings is beyond the pale, as is making inflammatory statements that express a desire that others die, experience eternal damnation, or f\*\*k themselves (things that are hurled at any public figure who dares to express moral propositions about homosexuality with which ‘progressives’ disagree). Prohibiting the distribution of homosexuality-affirming resources to minors is both reasonable and wise.” [Illinois Family Institute, [1/6/14](#)]

- **Higgins: “Hardly Sounds Unreasonable To Fine Adults \$150 For Trying To Inculcate Other People’s Children With Their Subjective Beliefs About Sexual Morality.”** “To further put things in perspective, note that the consequences of violating this law are only fines of \$120-150 for individuals, \$1,200-1,500 for “officials,” and \$12,000-15,000 for “legal entities.” Hardly sounds unreasonable to fine adults \$150 for trying to inculcate other people’s children with their subjective beliefs about sexual morality, but nothing angers homosexual activists quite like being denied access to the hearts and minds of other people’s minor children.” [Illinois Family Institute, [1/6/14](#)]

## LARRY JACOBS

**October 2013: Lawrence Jacobs Traveled To Russia To Plan The 2014 World Congress Of Families.**

“Pro-family leaders from ten countries met in Moscow (October 15-16) to plan World Congress of Families VIII, a celebration of the natural family, which will take place in Moscow, September 10-12, 2014. Members of the International Planning Committee for WCF VIII that attended the Moscow meeting included: [...] Allan Carlson, Lawrence Jacobs and Don Feder (The Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society and World Congress of Families, U.S.)” [World Congress of Families Press Release, [10/23/13](#)]

**Jacobs Called The Russians “Christian Saviors To The World.”** “Jacobs: The Russians might be the Christian saviors to the world; at the UN they really are the ones standing up for these traditional values of family and faith.” [TruNews, [5/30/13](#); AUDIO]

**Jacobs Bragged About The World Congress Of Families’ Involvement In Passage Of The Russian Anti-Gay “Propaganda” Law.** “‘Each Congress is unique,’ Jacobs observed. ‘Each has its own focus. Each emphasizes concerns of the host country as well as international issues. Each promulgates its own declaration. Besides the 2010 Demographic Summit, World Congress of Families involvement with Russia includes support for its child protection law, overwhelmingly enacted by the Duma in June.’” [World Congress of Families Press Release, [10/23/13](#)]

- **Jacobs Called The Law A “Great Idea.”** “Wiles: Well look the city government of Moscow passed a 100 year ban on gay parades. Jacobs: And the homosexual propaganda—the law in the Russian Duma it passed on first reading, it would ban propaganda to minors, preventing them from corrupting children. What a great idea and the rest of Europe is going the other way, legalizing LGBT propaganda.” [TruNews, [5/30/13](#); AUDIO]

**Jacobs Complained That The West Can “Enact Laws Promoting Homosexuality And Special Rights For LGBT Groups” While The Russian Propaganda Law Is “Called A Civil Rights Violation.”** “World Congress of Families Managing Director Larry Jacobs wondered why the West can enact laws promoting homosexuality and special rights for LGBT groups while penalizing dissent, but Russia can’t prohibit

homosexual propaganda targeted at vulnerable youth who should be protected from adult pressure to engage in unhealthy sexual behaviors? [...] Jacobs asked, 'Why is the Russian law protecting youth from unhealthy and unwanted adult influences called a civil rights violation by some, but not a law that bans the voluntary counseling of youth who are seeking to make healthier life choices?'" [World Congress of Families Press Release, [6/11/13](#)]

**Larry Jacobs Praised Russia For Discouraging "Non-Reproductive Behavior."** "[World Congress of Families Managing Director Larry] Jacobs, in an interview, drew a link between Russia's disapproval of homosexuality and its worries about a population decline. 'They've got a problem with marriage rates and fertility, and it doesn't help if you're encouraging non-reproductive behavior,' he said." [Associated Press, [7/1/13](#)]

### **PETER LABARBERA**

**Peter Labarbera Commended Russia's Anti-Gay Efforts.** "Among others commending Russia's anti-gay efforts was Peter LaBarbera of Americans for Truth About Homosexuality. 'Russians do not want to follow America's reckless and decadent promotion of gender confusion, sexual perversion, and anti-biblical ideologies to youth,' LaBarbera said on his website." [Associated Press, [7/1/13](#)]

### **RUSH LIMBAUGH**

**Rush Limbaugh Praised Putin And The Russian Parliament For "Putting Their Foot Down" On "A Full-Frontal Assault On What Has Always Been Considered Normalcy."** "LIMBAUGH: Feminists are starting to lose themselves in these philosophical discussions, which of course are rooted in self-absorption and maybe tinges of guilt. Because what's going on here is -- it's continual -- a full-frontal assault on what has always been considered normalcy. And so the Russians -- just to close the loop on this -- the Russians and Putin are putting their foot down. They're saying, 'Enough of that. We aren't going to have that here. We need a growing population. We need a country that's growing. We need more people. We need more people working. We need more productivity. And we're not going to sign up for all this new-age, so-called elitist brilliance. So ergo, the reason why the ban on gay athletes at the Olympics.'" [Rush Limbaugh Show, [8/7/13](#); AUDIO]

**Limbaugh: "It Freaks Me Out That Vladimir Putin Is Saying Things I Agree With."** "You know, it freaks me out. I have to tell you that it freaks me out that Vladimir Putin is saying things I agree with. The Russian President has opposed the adoption of Russian orphans by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender foreign couples and has instructed the government and the Supreme Court there to prepare changes to existing law before July 1. Putin is not allowing foreign lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender couples to adopt kids in Russia." [Rush Limbaugh Show, [4/1/13](#); AUDIO]

**Rush Limbaugh Has Often Been Called "The GOP's De Facto Leader."** "In an ailing radio industry, with a graying audience and a pro-government landscape, Rush Limbaugh should be shuffling off into irrelevancy. Instead, his ever more outrageous attacks have everyone debating whether he's the G.O.P.'s de facto leader, while the party shapes its ideology to fit his needs." [Vanity Fair, [May 2009](#)]

### **SCOTT LIVELY**

**Anti-Gay Activist Scott Lively Traveled To Russia In October 2013 "To Bolster The Russian Pro-Family Movement."** "In a dispatch on his blog, global anti-gay activist Scott Lively details a week-long "mission

to bolster the Russian pro-family movement.” The trip was prompted by a meeting of a planning committee for the World Congress of Families summit which will be held in Moscow next year. The organization, based in Rockford, Ill., convenes meetings of social conservatives from the U.S. and abroad to exchange ideas on topics such as combating LGBT rights and reproductive rights. One of their leaders also recently appeared in Serbia to celebrate the country’s ban on a planned LGBT pride march. Lively’s description of the conference plan suggests just how symbolically important Russia’s crackdown on LGBT rights has become for conservative activists worldwide. Lively reports that the conference will have its “grand opening” in the Kremlin and be held nearby at the Christ the Savior Cathedral.” [Buzzfeed, [10/18/13](#)]

- **Lively Appeared On Television With Archpriest Dimitri Smirnov, Head Of The Orthodox Patriarch’s Commission On The Family.** “Lively also appeared on a television show with Archpriest Dimitri Smirnov, head of the Orthodox patriarch’s Commission on the Family. Lively adds that Smirnov has offered to help him find a publisher for this 1995 book, *The Pink Swastika*, which claims a cabal of gay men in the Nazi party was responsible for the holocaust. Lively promises to ‘devote 50% of earnings from this book to promote the pro-family movement in Russia and the former Soviet countries.’” [Buzzfeed, [10/18/13](#)]
- **Lively Said Russian Publication Of His Book Blaming Gay Men For The Holocaust Would “Further Harden Resolve Against The Homosexualization Of Russia And The Countries In Its Orbit.”** “Lively, who has previously likened Russia’s battle against the “homosexualist movement” to the country’s fight against Nazi Germany, asserted, ‘Given the Russian attitude about homosexuality, and the still-fresh memories of Nazism in the Russian population, this book has significant potential to further harden resolve against the homosexualization of Russia and the countries in its orbit.’” [Buzzfeed, [10/18/13](#)]
- **Lively Took Credit For Russia’s “Homosexual Propaganda” Law.** “Though facing charges for crimes against humanity for his role in Uganda’s anti-gay crackdown, Lively shows no fear of being linked to Russia’s current wave of anti-gay legislation. He once again took credit for the ‘homosexual propaganda’ law, claiming, ‘I proposed just such a law during my 50-city tour of the former Soviet Union in 2006-2007.’” [Buzzfeed, [10/18/13](#)]

**Lively Held A 50 City Speaking Tour Of Russia In 2007.** “Scott Lively, a Massachusetts-based evangelical lawyer and activist, conducted a 50-city speaking tour of Russia in 2007, and says the current bill reflects policies that he advocated at the time.” [Associated Press, [7/1/13](#)]

- **Lively Urged The Criminalization Of Gay “Propaganda” In Russia As Early As 2007.** “At the end of his tour, Lively released a ‘Letter to the Russian People,’ and he redistributed it this month after the parliament vote. ‘The purpose of my visit was to bring a warning about the homosexual political movement which has done much damage to my country,’ he wrote in the letter. ‘This is a very fast-growing social cancer that will destroy the family foundations of your society if you do not take immediate, effective action to stop it.’ Lively advocated training therapists in the techniques of helping gay people ‘recover’ from same-sex attraction and he urged Russia to criminalize the public advocacy of homosexuality.” [Associated Press, [7/1/13](#)]

**Lively Called Putin “The Defender Of Christian Civilization.”** “As the United States and the United Kingdom morph slowly into a ‘gay’ version of the Soviet Union, an unlikely hero of family values has emerged: Russian President Vladimir Putin. In a stunning reversal of roles, the Russian Bear has become



the defender of Christian civilization against the Cultural-Marxist American Eagle and British Lion.”  
[ScottLively.net, [9/3/13](#)]

**Lively: “I Influenced The Russian Law.”** “Yes, I think I influenced the Russian law,’ Lively said. While some gay rights activists still think he’s just a laughingstock, Boris Dittrich, the director of LGBT advocacy for Human Rights Watch, tends to confirm Lively’s claims. Russia was plenty homophobic before Lively’s arrival but the American pastor appears to have given shape to that free-floating hatred, Dittrich said. As he passed through Russia’s regions, Lively met with politicians and bans on homosexual propaganda followed, spreading to more than a half-dozen areas before Putin swept them into a national standard.”  
[NBC News, [9/18/13](#)]

**Lively On The Anti-Gay Propaganda Bill: “I’m Taking Some Credit For This.”** “Lively: I’m taking some credit for this. In 2006 and 2007 I did a 50 city tour of the former Soviet Union with my wife and I was advocating for the very law that the Russians have adopted, which was to basically criminalize propaganda to children, which we should do in this country as well. That’s what I was promoting, among several things, but that was the main emphasis – to protect the kids.” [Mission America Radio, 11/16/13; [AUDIO](#)]

- **Lively Said His Letter To The Russian People Was An Inspiration For St. Petersburg To Adopt An Anti-Propaganda Law.** “Lively: The final city of the tour was St. Petersburg and I published my letter to the Russian people in 2007 and I laid out in detail... and then St. Petersburg became the first city to adopt this anti-propaganda law citywide, and then a number of other Russian cities adopted it, and then the Russian Duma voted unanimously to adopt it nationally and President Putin signed it. So that’s on the books now and it’s being enforced.” [Mission America Radio, 11/16/13; [AUDIO](#)]

**Lively On The Passage Of Russia’s Anti-Gay Propaganda Bill: “Go Ruskies!”** “On Jan. 25 of this year the Russian State Duma, its highest legislative body, voted to prohibit homosexual advocacy to children, following the enactment of similar legislation in a number of Russian cities, including St. Petersburg and Novosibirsk (the capital of Siberia). Go Ruskies! I am personally very pleased to see this development, having called specifically for legislation of this sort in my speaking tour of the former Soviet Union in 2006 and 2007.” [Scott Lively Column, World Net Daily, [2/22/13](#)]

**Lively: “The United States Is Becoming A Sort Of Gay Soviet Union And Russia Has Become A Champion Of The Biblical Worldview.”** “Lively: It’s an amazing turn of events and trading places. The United States is becoming a sort of gay Soviet Union and Russia has become a champion of the biblical worldview. Slowly, it’s not entirely there, but there is a Christian revival of sorts happening in Russia at the same time the United States is collapsing into totalitarianism with a heavy gay emphasis.” [Mission America Radio, 11/16/13; [AUDIO](#)]

- **Lively Said The US Should Criminalize Gay “Propaganda” In The United States As Well.** “Lively: I was advocating for the very law that the Russians have adopted, which was to basically criminalize propaganda to children, which we should do in this country as well.” [Mission America Radio, 11/16/13; [AUDIO](#)]

**Lively Called Passage Of The Russian Anti-Gay Propaganda Law “One Of The Proudest Achievements Of My Career.”** “Lively: I believe I did have something to do with that. I mean, not directly. I wasn’t working with the government officials crafting it, but in my 50 city tour of the former Soviet Union in 2006 and 2007, that’s what I was advocating for. That’s what I was suggesting they ought to do. I

concluded that in my letter to the Russian people that I published at the very last city of the tour, which was St. Petersburg, and of course St. Petersburg turned out to be the first city that adopted this law. Then several others did and then the national government passed it unanimously in the national congress and then Putin signed it. I indirectly assisted in that and it's one of the proudest achievements of my career." [Focal Point With Bryan Fischer, [9/23/13](#); AUDIO]

**Lively Called Russia "A Model For The Rest Of The World."** "I can't point to any country of the world today that is a model for the rest of the world, except perhaps for Russia, which has just taken the very important and frankly necessary step of criminalizing homosexual propaganda to protect the society from being 'homosexualized.' This was one of my recommendation to Russian leaders in my 50-city tour of the former Soviet Union in 2006 and 2007." [Scott Lively Letter to the Hungarian People, [7/22/13](#)]

**Lively: "Russia Could Become A Model Pro-Family Society. If This Were To Occur, I Believe People From The West Would Begin To Emigrate To Russia In The Same Way That Russians Used To Emigrate To The United States And Europe."** "'Russia could become a model pro-family society,' he wrote. 'If this were to occur, I believe people from the West would begin to emigrate to Russia in the same way that Russians used to emigrate to the United States and Europe.'" [Associated Press, [7/1/13](#)]

**Lively: "Russians, Even After Glasnost, Are Comfortable With An Authoritarian Style. That Wouldn't Work In The United States."** "Lively said he would like to see efforts in the U.S. to discourage all sexual activity outside of marriage, but doubted efforts to restrict gay activism could make headway here. 'Russians, even after glasnost, are comfortable with an authoritarian style,' he said. 'That wouldn't work in the United States.'" [Associated Press, [7/1/13](#)]

LIVELY CLAIMS VIOLENCE AGAINST LGBT PEOPLE IN RUSSIA IS A "HOAX"

**HEADLINE: "Was Anti-Russian Human Rights Watch Video A Hoax?"** [Scott Lively Column, BarbWire, [2/10/14](#)]

**Lively Claimed A Human Rights Watch Video Detailing Anti-LGBT Violence In Russia Was Part Of A Plot By The "Homosexualist Movement" To Seize "Political Power And Control."** "Last Fall, on behalf of pro-family advocates here in the United States and Canada, I sent a letter to President Vladimir Putin thanking his government for passing a law protecting Russian children from "gay" propaganda. In that letter I offered this warning: In readying your society to recognize and counter the efforts of the militant gay movement it is important to understand that their propaganda and policies adhere invariably to the narrative that all disapproval of homosexuality leads inevitably to hatred, violence and murder of homosexuals. All of the pro-homosexual policies in the United States and Europe rest on this unstated and unchallenged but fictional premise. Thus, the homosexualist movement is not simply seeking social tolerance, or acceptance, but political power and control. They want the power to stamp out all disapproval of homosexuality in your society and to compel every citizen (especially the youth) to embrace the view that homosexual conduct is good and normal....In the coming months and years Russia and Her people will be increasingly portrayed by emotion laden and abusive hyperbole as bigoted haters, intent on exterminating homosexuals. The Human Rights Watch video, released to coincide with the opening of the Sochi Olympics is fulfillment of my prophecy. I predict more will follow." [Scott Lively Column, BarbWire, [2/10/14](#)]

- **Lively Said The Violence Seen In The HRW Video Was Most Likely Perpetrated By "Masculine Oriented Homosexual Men Of The Very Same Sort That Created The Nazi Party Of Germany."**

“While it is true that ‘gay’ activists are masters of public deception, and their ranks include not just veteran political propagandists but also billionaires like George Soros and movie producer David Geffin — with the capability of staging any possible scenario flawlessly — I believe some of the incidents depicted on the film are probably real. But that raises the question, who are these perps? Q. What sort of men go out of their way to find and harass effeminate ‘gay’ men on the public streets? A. They are, literally, NAZIs! Ultra-Macho Nationalists, of which Russia has many. Q. And who makes up a significant part of the Nationalist movement everywhere in the world through all of modern history? A. Masculine oriented homosexual men of the very same sort that created the Nazi Party of Germany.” [Scott Lively Column, BarbWire, [2/10/14](#)]

- **Lively: “The Human Rights Watch Video Is Just Another Piece Of Deceptive Machiavellian ‘Gay’ Propaganda.”** “So in conclusion, I say the Human Rights Watch video is just another piece of deceptive Machiavellian ‘gay’ propaganda, offered to prove the completely false narrative that all disapproval of homosexuality leads to hatred and murder. Whether or not any parts of the video are unstaged, the product as a whole is perpetrating a hoax. Do not be fooled. The ‘gays’ are not the victims, at least not as a class. In stories like this they are usually the bullies beating up each other (or themselves) on and off camera, sometimes by consent, to dupe the public into granting them collective ‘victim status,’ with all of the extensive social and political benefits that entails.” [Scott Lively Column, BarbWire, [2/10/14](#)]

**Lively Said Violence Against LGBT People In Russia Was Just “Butch Homosexuals Who Are Beating Up Effeminate Homosexuals.”** “Lively: Russia does have nationalists, these are Nazis, the same as I wrote in the book ‘The Pink Swastika: Homosexuality and the Nazi Party,’ that’s the same thing. The guys that are beating up gays in Russia—and it’s not any more prevalent than it ever has been really and it isn’t all that prevalent at all—but the ones that are doing it are butch homosexuals who are beating up effeminate homosexuals, the same thing that happened in Germany; this is gay-on-gay crime, at least that is what it appears to be. That’s the people that are most focused on hostility toward effeminate men, are masculine homosexual men who just loathe any effeminacy, even in themselves. That’s what’s going on there. This has nothing to do with the anti-propaganda law, which doesn’t criminalize homosexuality.” [Mission America Radio, 11/16/13; [AUDIO](#)]

### **STEVEN MOSHER**

**Steven Mosher Participated In A “Demographic Summit” With Russian Leaders In 2011.** “I write from Moscow, where I am participating in a Demographic Summit with other World Congress of Families leaders and Russian officials.” [Steven Mosher Op-Ed, Life Site News, [6/28/11](#)]

### **WILLIAM OWENS**

**NOM’s Williams Owens: “I Applaud The Russians For Taking A Stand For Children!”** “With the battle for the family waging across this nation, instead of condemning a sovereign nation for its laws we need to be changing ours. The family unit is under attack and we must stand against those who want to redefine and destroy it. The family is the foundation of a society and the glue that holds it together. I applaud the Russians for taking a stand for children!” [William Owens E-Mail to Coalition of African American Pastors, [8/6/13](#)]

### **BOB VANDER PLAATS**

**Bob Vander Plaats Praised Putin For Taking “Decisive Leadership” On Anti-Gay Laws.** “Vander Plaats: He has taken what used to be our strengths — military might, decisive action, core values, morality, beliefs — and he’s saying, those are being turned into your guys’ weakness and guess what I’m doing? I’m taking those. I’m taking decisive leadership, you’re following my lead. As a matter of fact, Obama’s now agreeing with Putin, ‘oh you know maybe we’ve got some other options here now.’ So he’s taking Putin’s lead. Putin’s saying, ‘you know what don’t bring this homosexual propaganda into my country for the Olympics; we believe in one man, one woman marriage; there is no homosexual marriage in Russia.’” [Steve Deace Radio, 9/10/13; [AUDIO](#)]

- **Vander Plaats Is So Influential In American Republican Politics That He Has Been Called “The Iowa Caucus Kingmaker.”** [The Atlantic, [4/2/11](#)]

## **AUSTIN RUSE**

**Ruse Traveled to Russia In October 2013 To Plan For The 2014 World Congress Of Families.** “Pro-family leaders from ten countries met in Moscow (October 15-16) to plan World Congress of Families VIII, a celebration of the natural family, which will take place in Moscow, September 10-12, 2014. Members of the International Planning Committee for WCF VIII that attended the Moscow meeting included: [...] Austin Ruse (Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute, U.S.)” [World Congress of Families Press Release, [10/23/13](#)]

**Ruse Said He Wanted To Travel To Russia “To Let Them Know They Do In Fact Have Support Among American NGOs On Social Issues.”** “Ruse, whose institute is seeking accreditation at the United Nations, plans to travel to Russia this summer to meet with government officials and civic leaders. ‘We want to let them know they do in fact have support among American NGOs (non-governmental organizations) on social issues,’ he said.” [Associated Press, [7/1/13](#)]

**Ruse Claims To Decry Anti LGBT Violence In Russia.** “‘There are groups of people that really are doing bad things to LGBT people, and they really should stop. And the government really has to do more to stop them,’ said C-FAM’s Ruse.” [Buzzfeed, [11/15/13](#)]

- **Ruse Said That Claims That The Anti-Propaganda Law Has Created A Culture Of Violence In Russia Was A Tactic Of Gay Rights Groups “To Silence People.”** “Ruse acknowledged that anti-gay violence and thuggery is a problem in Russia. He denounced such violence and said he has urged Russian officials to do more to stop it. But when he was asked whether the conversation about the anti-gay propaganda law and protecting children from gay people might encourage such violence, he said anti-gay violence in Russia has been going on for a long time and didn’t think the new law was to blame. And he said blaming religious conservatives for creating a climate of hate is a tactic of gay-rights groups, a ‘maneuver to silence people.’” [Right Wing Watch, [11/15/13](#)]
- **Ruse Floated The Idea That The World Congress Of Families Could Sponsor A Panel On Anti-Gay Violence.** “He floated the idea that the World Congress of Families could consider a panel on anti-gay violence during its conference planned for September of next year in Moscow. ‘It would be an interesting conversation to have, can we have the conversation where Christian conservatives in the United States condemn some of the most extreme laws around the world and at the same time be understood that we oppose some of the things you guys really want—marriage, adoption, so on and so forth,’ he said.” [Buzzfeed, [11/15/13](#)]

**While In Russia, The WCF Planners Met With Yelena Mizulina, One Of The Authors Of The Anti-Gay Propaganda Law.** “A special WCF Parliamentary Forum was discussed with Yelena Mizulina and the Planning Committee.” [World Congress of Families Press Release, [10/23/13](#)]

- **Mizulina Is Considered Putin’s “Morality Crusader.”** “She has the sober demeanor and tightly wound bun of a boarding school headmistress. And she's Vladimir Putin's new morality crusader, spearheading efforts to curb gay rights, punish online cursing and impose a tax on divorce. Yelena Mizulina, a member of parliament, has used her position as the head of the Committee on Family, Women and Children to author increasingly conservative laws, including a ban on homosexual ‘propaganda’ that went into force last month.” [Associated Press, [8/9/13](#)]

**Ruse Called Claims That Russia Is Cracking Down On The LGBT Community “Propaganda.”** “Austin Ruse, president of the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute (C-FAM), urged the roughly two dozen people in attendance to ‘Please understand what is really going on in Russia and cast aside all the propaganda.’ The law does not prevent gays and lesbians from ‘living openly’ or going to the many gay bars in Moscow, he said. The law, he said, simply responds to the fact that ‘Russians do not want ... homosexuality to be taught and otherwise exposed to school children.’” [Buzzfeed, [11/15/13](#)]

- **Ruse Claimed That Life For LGBT People In Russia Was Fine With “A Few Dozen Bars And Restaurants That Cater Openly To A Gay Clientele.”** “Homosexuality is not illegal in Russia. Homosexual acts are not illegal in Russia. Even some kinds of public manifestations are fine in Russia. After all, a number of gay characters are on popular Russian TV programs. Moreover, right now you can google ‘Gay Moscow’ and see a few dozen bars and restaurants and dance clubs that cater openly to a gay clientele. You can enjoy yourself hassle-free at 69 Popugae, Baza, Secret, 12 Volt, TSYFRY, Elf Cafe, and dozens more. All of them have websites, public addresses and telephone numbers and pictures of all the fun things you can do there. Putin is not shutting them down and when Harvey Fierstein visits for the Olympics, he can visit them all without fear.” [Austin Ruse Op-Ed, Daily Caller, [7/25/13](#)]

**Ruse: There Is No Human Right To “Parade Your Sexual Preferences And Practices Down City Streets.”** “While we should and do deplore laws that allow violence against homosexuals, the bottom line for Russia and elsewhere is that there is no human right to teach school children about sexual practices, neither is there a human right to parade your sexual preferences and practices down public streets. All else is legal.” [Austin Ruse Op-Ed, Daily Caller, [7/25/13](#)]

**Ruse: “You Admire Some Of The Things They’re Doing In Russia.”** “You admire some of the things they're doing in Russia against propaganda,’ said Austin Ruse, president of the U.S.-based Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute. ‘On the other hand, you know it would be impossible to do that here.’” [Associated Press, [7/1/13](#)]

**Ruse Called Russia’s Anti-Gay “Propaganda” Law A “Good Thing.”** “Ruse: “It’s a good thing that there are laws against proselytizing the homosexual lifestyle to school children.” [American Family Association Radio, 8/9/13; [AUDIO](#)]

**Ruse Said That Laws Against Homosexual Behavior “Help Teach Society What Is Good, And Also Would Prevent Such Truly Harmful Practices As Homosexual Marriage And Adoption.”** “Up to ninety countries, however, have laws against homosexual behavior, a group that included the United States until a few years ago, because a sufficient case can be made that homosexual behavior is harmful to the

individual and also to the common good. The penalties for homosexual behavior should not be jail time, but having some laws on the books, even if unenforced, would help society to teach what is good, and also would prevent such truly harmful practices as homosexual marriage and adoption.” [Austin Ruse Column, The Catholic Thing, [12/18/08](#)]

**Ruse Said Most Americans Would Agree With A Russia-Style Anti-Gay Law.** “Ruse: I dare say that most of the people listening right now and most of the people in the United States would say that it would be inappropriate to proselytize the homosexual lifestyle to school children and that’s what they are doing in Russia.” [American Family Association Radio, 8/9/13; [AUDIO](#)]

**Ruse Admired The Role Of Religion In Russian Politics: “Christians Over There Are Truly Dominant.”** “Ruse said that with the resurgence of the Russian Orthodox Church, ‘Christians over there are truly dominant.’ In the U.S., though, there is ‘an increasingly hostile atmosphere toward people with traditional values’ and a ‘vicious totalitarianism that is loose in the land.’ And ‘there’s more trouble coming’ with the Employment Non Discrimination Act.” [Right Wing Watch, [11/15/13](#)]

### **RICK SCARBOROUGH**

**Tea Party Leader Rick Scarborough Said That The President’s Condemnation Of Russia’s Anti-Gay Law “Puts Our Country In A Very Precarious Place.”** “Rick Scarborough: What the President is now saying is that God’s word is a direct assault on people—the lesbian and gay community—that God’s word is clearly wrong and that puts our country in a very precarious place.” [Tea Party Unity Conference Call, 8/15/13; [AUDIO](#)]