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Pro-family activism

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- George Orwell

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1. Seven teachers at Concord-Carlisle High School hold assembly telling students how they "came out" as homosexuals -- encouraging students to do the same.

Using the excuse of "gay youth suicides" reported in other states, schools in Massachusetts are intensifying their propaganda to portray homosexuality as a positive, natural, and irreversible behavior for kids to engage in -- and at the same time stigmatize any criticism of homosexuality as dangerous and even a sign of mental illness.

On October 21, a group of seven homosexual teachers at Concord-Carlisle High School led an afternoon assembly describing to students how they "came out" as homosexuals, and how "their lives have improved as a result." They emphasized that "coming out" - publicly declaring oneself as "gay" or "transgender" - is a healthy growth experience, and that once you've finally internalized that you're "gay" (or "transgender") it's permanent but satisfying. The event was reported [in the local Carlisle Mosquito newspaper](#).



At the assembly. Teachers who gave "coming out" speeches (left to right): Special ed teacher Amelie Atwater-Rhodes, science teacher Brian Miller, English teacher Johnny Woodnal, English teacher Shelley Hull, physics teacher Kevin Pennucci, health teacher Nancy Slocum and math teacher Peter Atlas. (Photo by social studies teacher Ben Kendall)

It's not known whether the assembly was mandatory for any of the students, but according to the newspaper report, the school's Little Theatre was completely filled and there was standing room only. It was organized by the school's "gay-straight alliance" club, known as Spectrum. Such clubs regularly work closely with the **taxpayer-funded** *Massachusetts Commission for Gay Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth* and the Mass. Department of Education.

Among the seven teachers was math teacher Peter Atlas. Atlas is a long-time homosexual activist, **a personal friend and colleague of Kevin Jennings**, and former board member of GLSEN. His public homosexual-related activities in schools date back to 1993. A *Boston Globe* article once described how (among other things) he offers matchmaking advice to gay teens. [Read more about Peter Atlas on the MassResistance Blog.](#)

Ironically, Atlas began his talk by saying that **all his college friends have died of AIDS**. But he's very glad he "came out," and he encourages kids to do it. "My worst day out is better than my best day in the closet," he said.

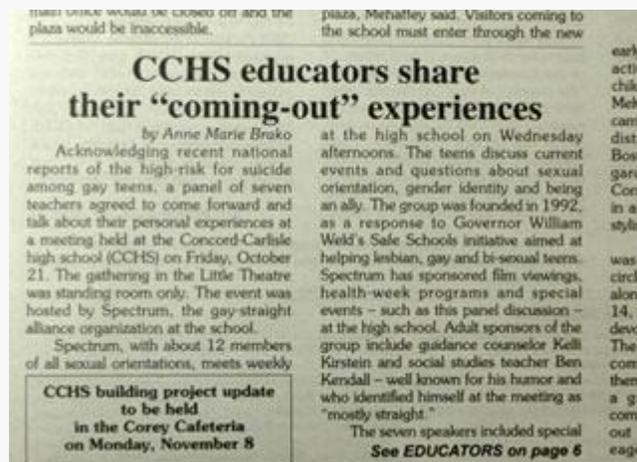
Several of the teachers described what they portrayed as the irrational fear, "homophobia," and general backwardness of their parents, relatives, and others who first reacted negatively to their coming out. But afterwards, they assured the students, their relatives accepted them as gay, so students shouldn't be worried about that.

Science teacher Brian Miller said he was much happier after coming out because he could "be himself." He thanked the school for being a "safe place" to be homosexual.

Alice Slocum, a health teacher at the school, told the kids that she regrets having waited until college to come out, because it "wasted so much time." She added that **coming out solidifies your homosexual identity**, and that **"once you say it, you can't take it back."** She said because she's a health teacher who's come out, a colleague told her that she's "saving lives."

Social studies teacher Ben Kendall, a faculty sponsor of the gay-straight alliance club, concluded the event by encouraging kids to get involved with the gay-straight alliance club. Also, he said, students that they could confide with the school's counseling department with complete privacy -- **that no one would tell their parents.**

Front page article in local Carlisle newspaper.



Most parents still in the dark, don't see the danger

One mother in Carlisle who found out about this assembly was very outraged. **She sent us her thoughts and observations:**

- There is no concern whatsoever about Peter Atlas' comment that all of his college friends have died of AIDS. Or that 70% of HIV/AIDS cases are homosexual men. Or that [a recent CDC report](#) found that 1 in 5 "men who have sex with men" have HIV.
- She knows of at least one former member of Spectrum (the Concord-Carlisle High School gay-straight alliance club) who has met an early death from a homosexual-related illness.
- There is no concern from the health teacher (or any others) for the damage to a student's body from homosexual (rectal) sex.

- School authorities refuse to tell parents about students' homosexual behavior, which could be life-threatening. However, the school is not even allowed to give a student an aspirin without parents' permission.

Unfortunately, many parents and taxpayers still don't understand and appreciate the militant push in the public schools to normalize homosexuality, transgenderism, and related behaviors in the minds of vulnerable and impressionable kids. This is why the homosexual lobby fights so hard against our strong parents' rights legislation (which we'll be re-filing in the Legislature this year).

2. Elimination of "safe schools czar" Kevin Jennings' office called for by Commission on federal deficit!

Every now and then a government commission does something right.

The office of "safe schools" czar Kevin Jennings in the US Dept of Education and all its federal programs should be eliminated, according to a draft report released yesterday by Barack Obama's [National Commission on Responsibility and Reform](#).

The Commission is a bipartisan group of US Senators, Congressmen, and others created last February by a presidential executive order accordance with the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* to address the federal budget deficits in this year and in years to come.

Kevin Jennings, Obama's so-called "safe schools czar," is a major homosexual activist who has devoted his career to pushing homosexuality in the nation's schools. He is the founder of the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN), which promotes gay straight alliance clubs (GSAs) in schools across the country. [As MassResistance has documented at length](#), Jennings has been tied to the infamous "Fistgate" scandal and many other horror stories involving homosexuality and kids.



Kevin Jennings

Jennings has also come under fire by members of Congress and in the national media for his infamous past regarding homosexuality and children. Last year [53 members of Congress signed a letter](#) demanding Jennings' removal, and a [resolution for his removal](#) was introduced in Congress.

Since his appointment as "safe schools czar" Jennings has begun using his *Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools* in the Dept. of Education as a front to use federal money to force the homosexual/transgender agenda even further into America's public schools.

The draft report says that eliminating Jennings' office, including its associated programs and grants, will save the taxpayers \$1.8 billion by 2015. Currently, Jennings' office has been [allocated \\$410 million in the federal 2011 budget](#).

Here's what [the draft report](#), which refers to findings of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) states:

Eliminate the Office of Safe & Drug Free Schools.

In the President's budget, funding for the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools is more than double the allocation from 2008. This option eliminates the office, saving about \$1.8 billion in 2015. While school safety should be protected, violence and drug abuse are problems that occur far less on school grounds than elsewhere. As CBO points out in the Budget Options Volume 2 report, children are more likely to be victims of violence away from school, and while drug use is more common than violence, it still occurs infrequently on school property. Further, the results hoped for in creation of the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools have not been demonstrated.

The report's language above references *Section 500-1* of the CBO's *Budget Options Volume 2 report*, titled ["Eliminate Grants to the States for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities."](#) You can also see entire [Budget Options Volume 2 HERE](#).

What happens from here?

The report, which is officially a draft version, must be finalized by a vote of 14 of the 18 commission members and submitted by December 1, 2010. The report will presumably be used the White House and Congress over the coming year to determine cuts in the federal budget.

It's very likely that homosexual activists will try to lobby the Commission to get this taken out in these few weeks before the the draft is finalized. [The commission members are listed HERE.](#) We must let them know that parents across the country do not want the homosexual lobby to interfere with this. But also, since Jennings was personally appointed by Obama, who supports the homosexual agenda in schools, there could likely be resistance his people who want to keep this in.

Eliminating this office and removing Kevin Jennings from power is extremely important. As the new Congress takes office in January, we must continue to press as hard as we can across the country to stop this. Since Republicans will be in the House majority in the new session, they will control the Education subcommittee, so we'll have a greater chance of accomplishing this. [If you have not signed our national petition to remove Kevin Jennings, please do so HERE.](#)

This represents a huge boost to the efforts to remove Jennings. But given the volatile political implications of this and the power of the homosexual lobby, it will not be easy. MassResistance plans to continue working with members of Congress over to coordinate our efforts. And we will continue to inform you and let you know what you can do.

3. "Pro-family" Republican newly elected to Mass. Legislature already drifting leftward. Fallout from RINO party leadership.

As a candidate, Republican Ryan Fattman was a big favorite among pro-family conservatives. He was enthusiastically endorsed by every Massachusetts pro-family group. He seems to have answered all the questionnaires perfectly, and was given a virtual "A+" rating all around.



On the campaign trail.

When Fattman beat 4-term State Rep. Jennifer Callahan (D-Sutton) a pro-abortion liberal, by 53%-47%, we were all cheering the new addition of the young, energetic state rep who was not afraid to tell the VoteCoreValues.com website: "I am pro-life".

Well . . . sort of. A few days after the election, Ryan Fattman was having an iced coffee with leftwing Globe columnist Yvonne Abraham. [Her column](#) in this past Boston Sunday Globe showcased him.

Here's what the *Globe* wrote about about Fattman's pro-family positions:

Why did Fattman succeed when so many more prominent GOP candidates failed?

The Rep-elect says he did it by combining a message of fiscal restraint with optimism, railing against waste while reminding people of all the wonderful things the state has to offer.

"I took Charlie Baker's message and packaged it in a different way," he said diplomatically.

He steered clear of social issues (he's pro-abortion personally but wouldn't act to limit choice, and he has "no qualms" about gay marriage), focusing instead on criticizing Callahan for being a typical pol.

[Read the entire *Globe* column here.](#)

Pro-abortion personally but wouldn't act to limit choice? No qualms about gay marriage? A bit disappointing, to say the least. There's a long list of Massachusetts politicians who've drifted south on pro-family issues *after* being elected -- John Rogers, Brian Joyce, Marian Walsh, Paul Loscocco, Richard Ross, etc., come to mind. But usually they at least wait until their term has started before starting to sell out.

And unfortunately, this kind of thing is just about always in one direction. We can't recall too many Massachusetts politicians who started out liberal and became pro-

family conservatives.

A lot of pressure to abandon principles

Assuming that Ryan Fattman was being truthful when he sold himself as a strong conservative, in 2010 in Massachusetts it's not hard to see how a young, inexperienced new State Rep can let his pro-family principles drift away:

- **Effects of the RINO State Party.** Under Charlie Baker, Richard Tisei, and Jennifer Nassour the state Republican Party is almost militantly liberal on all the key "social" issues, despite the fact that this has alienated much of their base. And this official attitude is being drilled into the new Republican reps as much as possible.

Sure enough, [Fattman's website](#) only lists the easy "fiscal" issues. Maybe that should have given us a clue.

- **Beacon Hill leftish House Republican leadership.** Brad Jones and Brad Hill, the Republican House minority leaders, are both pro-abortion and pro gay "marriage." They naturally have strong influence on the new Republican reps.
- **Lure of the liberal press.** Let's face it, if you're a socially liberal Republican, the Boston media portrays you as "sensible" and someone people everyone can work with. If you're not, you're portrayed as a menace to society and a nut. It takes a lot of personal courage to ignore that.
- **Wishy-washy pro-family groups.** We won't name names here, but when certain pro-family groups produce candidate questionnaires that don't ask tough, direct questions, it lowers the bar and gives candidates the message that it's not really that important.

The job of citizens doesn't end on election day

We keep saying this and we'll keep repeating it. It's up to all of you. In a free society you've still got to keep up the pressure 365 days a year. When the Founders said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," they knew what they were talking about.

4. How out-of-state activists brought "gay marriage" to New Hampshire. (And what happened in Nov. 2 election!)

The *Manchester Union-Leader*, New Hampshire's largest and most influential newspaper, is a refreshing non-liberal voice in the largely knee-jerk left-wing mainstream media. Three weeks before the election they published a fascinating expose which likely fueled the fires of anger in the electorate.

[MassResistance has reported how Tim Gill](#), the multimillionaire homosexual

activist in Colorado, has been quietly finding pro-homosexual candidates in legislative races in order to push pro-gay and sexual-radical causes across the country. And we've exposed prominent Massachusetts politicians he's donated to.

Multimillionaire
homosexual activist Tim
Gill



This past year the New Hampshire Legislature shocked the citizens by suddenly passing a law legalizing "gay marriage", which was quickly signed by the governor. It took everyone by surprise, including the pro-family movement. How could something like this just happen out of the blue?

The *Union-Leader*, unlike most of the mainstream media, is willing to expose what really went on. If you aren't familiar with Gill and his cohorts people, you need to be. This is what people across the country are up against. As Franklin Roosevelt famously observed, *in politics nothing happens by accident*.

How out-of-state activists brought gay marriage to New Hampshire

By FERGUS CULLEN
Manchester Union Leader
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Why are rich liberals from Malibu to Kalamazoo so interested in New Hampshire?

A shadowy group of super wealthy, out-of-state liberals target swing states, tip the political balance of power and then use their majorities to advance a narrow, special-interest agenda. It's called the Colorado Model, and it's been imported to New Hampshire.

In 2004, four uber-wealthy Colorado liberals hatched a spectacularly successful plan to take political control of their state. In less than three years, what had been a state with a Republican governor, a Republican legislature and a federal delegation

dominated by Republicans became just the opposite. Democrats controlled everything.

Sound familiar? Circumstances were a little different, and national tides surely helped, but the same outcome happened in New Hampshire using the same strategy. Now outside groups on the right, like the National Organization for Marriage and Americans for Prosperity, are fighting back with similar methods.

The Colorado takeover was orchestrated and financed by four gazillionaires motivated by a personal commitment to one issue: gay rights. The issue doesn't really matter; the model can apply to any issue and can work as well for the right as it has for the left.

One of the Gang of Four financiers is Tim Gill, the software entrepreneur who founded Quark. Last May, Gill organized a meeting in Chicago of wealthy progressive donors from around the country. Among the speakers at the private gathering: New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch.

Lynch was invited to the Chicago event after he was targeted by the socially conservative National Organization for Marriage in the "Lynch Lied" ads last spring. Within weeks of Lynch's Chicago presentation, 19 people who live outside of New Hampshire gave a total of \$114,000 to Lynch's campaign in maxed-out contributions of \$6,000 each, campaign finance reports show. At least 15 of those individuals appear to be active on gay-rights issues, based on their other political activity. Of those, six have also given \$5,000 or more to the New Hampshire Democratic Party this year.

Pat Stryker, a billionaire heiress, was another of the original Colorado Gang of Four. Her brother, Jon Stryker of Kalamazoo, is ranked No. 332 on Forbes's list of richest Americans. Jon Stryker maxed out to Lynch, gave \$5,000 to the New Hampshire Democratic Party in 2007 and gave \$10,000 to the Democratic state senate PAC in 2006.

Philadelphia real estate developer Mel Heifetz and Chuck Williams of Malibu are two more gay-rights activists who maxed out to Lynch this year. Both care so much about New Hampshire that they each also contributed \$500 to Manchester state Sen. Betsy DeVries.

Targeted giving like this explains how gay marriage became a priority issue in New Hampshire. Until 2007, progressives weren't talking about it; social conservatives didn't see it coming; and the majority of people -- then as now -- had other priorities. The Legislature passed civil unions and a flip-flopping Gov. Lynch signed gay marriage into law before voters could ask, "Where did that come from?"

The Colorado Model uses unprecedented amounts of money to create legislative majorities receptive to one issue. Acting outside the traditional party structure, the Gang of Four hired experienced political operatives, coordinated with other progressive groups and then systematically targeted and defeated candidates who opposed its social agenda. Its candidates don't make gay rights the centerpiece of their campaigns. Rather, they typically run brutally effective, negative campaigns

built around fiscal issues voters care more about to defeat candidates who oppose the left's hidden social agenda.

The story about how gay rights came to the fore in New Hampshire can't be told without mentioning that national gay activists had one of their own as Democratic state party chairman. Whether the outside money went to party committees, candidates or friendly PACs, Ray Buckley's finger directed most of it. The Human Rights Campaign, a Washington-based gay-rights lobbying group, was especially instrumental in the Democratic takeover of the New Hampshire state Senate in 2006.

Now that outside conservative groups are fighting back, New Hampshire progressives are crying about how outsiders are interfering in state politics. The reality is that the right is playing a bit of catchup, using the liberals' own playbook against them.

Fergus Cullen, a freelance columnist and a former chairman of the New Hampshire Republican Party.

New Hampshire voters react with a vengeance

There was just one problem with this scheme. On Nov. 2, the voters of New Hampshire reacted by throwing out the liberals. They nearly doubled the number of Republicans in the state senate and added 122 Republicans to their total in the House. Although the Governor survived the election, the Legislature was completely turned upside-down (or right-side up).

As the [Nashua Telegraph reported](#):

On Wednesday, [Gov.] Lynch returned to Republicans holding collectively their biggest super-majority in nearly a half century. If they all show up and stick together, Republicans in the House of Representatives (298 of 400) and the state Senate (19 of 24) have a quorum; they can do business with no Democrats present and they can override any Lynch veto.

We're hearing that there's a move for the new Legislature to repeal New Hampshire's "gay marriage" law -- with or without the Governor's approval!

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