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Measure 8 Vote Reaffirms Traditional Values Election confirms emergence of Oregon Citizens Alliance as political force in Oregon

by MIKE WILEY

On November 8, in one of the most stunning upsets in Oregon political history the people of Oregon voted to approve Measure 8 by a 626,751 to 561,355 margin. The measure revokes liberal Gov. Neil Goldschmidt’s Executive Order ordering non-discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The rebuke to “homosexual rights” in a state considered to be as liberal as Oregon will put a damper on such moves nationwide.

Along with revoking the order, Measure 8 also passed a new law preventing any state official from issuing a similar order in the future. The passage of Measure 8 has dealt a severe blow to the efforts of the militant homosexual community and liberals to force the citizens of Oregon to give minority status to the promotion and practice of sodomy.

What makes the passage of Measure 8 even more significant is the fact that the entire Oregon liberal elite establishment was lined up in fervent opposition to the ballot measure. Gov. Neil Goldschmidt and Secretary of State Barbara Roberts, both pro-gay liberals, publicly opposed Measure 8 hoping that their personal popularity would help convince voters to oppose the measure. In addition, Measure 8 was opposed by the entire Oregon far-left spectrum including the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, a vocal coalition of liberal-apostate church groups, the Oregon Education Association, the Oregon AFL-CIO, and (of course) almost every major newspaper, television, and radio station in the state. All of Oregon’s far-left politicians, including Portland Mayor Bud Clark, three of the four Portland City Commissioners, all of the Multnomah County Commissioners, and

all three of Oregon’s Democratic Congressmen, Les Aucoin, Peter DeFazio, and Ron Wyden, early and eagerly signed on to oppose Measure 8. In opposing Measure 8, these groups and individuals also made clear their whole-hearted support of the latest liberal *cause célèbre*, “gay rights”. This far-left coalition felt confident that they would have little trouble defeating what they consistently characterized as “a right-wing initiative”. A post-election article on Measure 8 by The Oregonian described the “aura of confidence” around the opposition campaign of office a month before the election.

Early Polls Show Measure Losing

In the beginning, they had reason for their confidence. A September poll commissioned

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Public School AIDS Curriculum: Action Alert!

by PAT SMITH

What will students in Oregon’s public schools be learning from the revised model curriculum entitled: AIDS: The Preventable Epidemic curriculum? Will they learn that AIDS is a health issue or a civil rights issue? Will they learn that most of the responsibility for prevention falls upon carriers or non-carriers? Will they learn not to be afraid of AIDS or to respect it as a dementing, deadly disease? Will they learn new modes of sexual behavior or new refusal skills? Will they learn that “marriage” is worth waiting for, or be duped by “multiple sex partners” verbiage? Will they learn that homosexuality is a protected alternate lifestyle or abnormal behavior at high risk for AIDS transmission? Will the majority of students have their modesty offended in small group discussions on risk and prevention behaviors or have their privacy respected by quiet reading and study sheets?

The Fork in the Road

The AIDS crisis has brought us to the age-old fork in the road of sexual behavior. The sign pointing “left” says: “Sex is great so why wait? Enjoy it when, where, how and with whomever. Just be sure to avoid pregnancy, V.D. and AIDS. Marriage is not important. Here are colored condoms for safe sex. Homosexuality and all other so-called sexual orientations are acceptable.” The road sign pointing “right” reads: “Sex is great so wait. Marriage is important. Loving loyalty and commitment within families glues society together. Self control is smart. Abstinence is possible. Sodomy and other abnormal sexual activity is not acceptable.”

The Amazing Claudia Webster

Claudia Webster, AIDS Education Coordinator for the Oregon Health Division, in collaboration with others, has compiled the

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