

Traditional Values

SPECIAL REPORT

HATE CRIME LEGISLATION: UNEQUAL TREATMENT UNDER THE LAW

*Hate crime laws punish a person's thoughts
and beliefs, and they violate freedom of religion and speech.*

In early 2001, Delaine Eastin, California's Superintendent of Public Instruction, issued a set of 12 recommendations for dealing with alleged "hate" against homosexuals in the public school system. If implemented, each school district will hire a compliance officer who will locate and punish anyone who engages in verbal, written, or physical expressions of "hate" against homosexuals.

Eastin's recommendations are based on a hate crimes bill passed in 1999 by the state legislature. Under this hate crimes bill, a new category of "crime" has been created: The "hate motivated incident." A person is guilty of "hate" if he "intimidates," "interferes with," or "oppresses" a homosexual. This includes simple verbal expressions of opposition.

If a Christian is opposed to homosexuality on biblical grounds, and he expresses his beliefs, he will be guilty of

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a "hate motivated incident," that will be reported to the compliance officer. He will also be taken for rehabilitation to cure him of views.

Homosexual activists are determined to use the force of law to gain social acceptance in our culture. Their goal is to criminalize the speech of those who believe homosexuality is a sin and sexual perversion.

This assault on free speech and religion in California is



Homosexual activists equate any opposition to their agenda as being "Fascist."

also being played out in the U.S. Congress this year in several bills against so-called hate crimes.

Congress is currently considering S. 625, the Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act of 2001 (LLEEA). This complicated bill has sections on genetic testing, funding for the Legal Services Corporation, and special protections for abortion clinics.

It is a Ted Kennedy "hate crimes/thought crimes" measure. If passed, it will add homosexual behavior as a specially-protected class under federal law. Under this bill, a person who commits a crime of violence against a victim because of the victim's sexual orientation, will be charged with a felony and also charged with committing a hate crime. In effect, a perpetrator who kills because of the victim's sexual behavior is to be punished more severely than a criminal who kills someone for their money or property.

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted this legislation out of committee in July by a 12-7 vote. Republican Senators Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Mike DeWine of Ohio sided with Ted Kennedy and other extremist liberals on this committee. Also re-introduced in late July, 2001 was the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) of 2001. This is a "thought crimes/homosexual quota bill." It will add "sexual orientation" as a special right under federal law. Once "sexual orientation" is considered a "minority right," radical homosexuals will undoubtedly demand hiring quotas. ENDA will provide enhanced legal protections for homosexuals, transgenders (including cross-dressers),