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A state exerts its right to define its public policy. A coterie of corporations and celebrities throw a hissy fit. The federal government joins in on the hi-jinks, and threatens to cut off funds to the state of unless it "evolves". Sound familiar?

On March 28th, Georgia governor Nathan Deal announced he would veto a religious freedom bill which had already been gutted by the gutless wonders in the state legislature. Dumbass Deal reached this momentous decision with a little "help" from his "friends":

* Apple: "... send a clear message... of inclusion, diversity and continued prosperity".

The continued prosperity Apple enjoys thanks to the inclusion and diversity of its Third-World slave labor pool?

* Michael Dell, Dell Computers: "... shields discrimination against gays".

Unless those gays are churning out your shit in some Third-World hell-hole, right?

* Disney: "Disney and Marvel are inclusive companies... we will plan to take our business elsewhere".

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" was shot in Tunisia, where human rights are non-existent, because...? Did I mention Disney makes billions off of Third-World slave labor?

* Dow Chemical: "#HB757 will sanction discrimination".

Yet actual discrimination in Algeria, China, Dubai, Egypt, Kenya, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia is just fine, right?

* Glow CEO Max Levchin: "Wrong century for this legislation".

Максиміліан Рафаїлович Левчин (real name) should say that to the oligarchs who run his native Ukraine. Can't wait to see how far he gets.

* Hilton CEO Christopher Nassetta: When you close up shop in Algeria, Aruba, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Chad, China, the Czech Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Kenya, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Peru, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka,

Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Vietnam, Ukraine, and the United Arab Emirates, THEN you can bitch!

* Home Depot co-founder Bernie Marcus: "This would reduce economic growth, good jobs, and tax revenue in [Georgia]".

Wake me when he decides to reduce economic growth, good jobs, and tax revenue in México.

* Intel: "We oppose discrimination in all forms".

Except in Algeria, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Dubai, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Ukraine. Did I mention it makes billions off of Third-World slave labor?

* Lionsgate: "... deplorable and regressive legislation".

"Deplorable" and "regressive" describe movie locations Bulgaria, China, and Romania nicely.

* Live Nation: "Proud to be an #LGBTQAlly".

THAT explains the offices in Thailand, and the United Arab Emirates.

* Hey, Marriott CEO Arne Sorenson: When are you closing your roach motels in Algeria, Armenia, Aruba, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Libya, Macedonia, Malawi, Malaysia, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Saint Kitts and Nevis, South Korea, Suriname, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Vietnam, Uganda, and Zambia? Just asking.

* MGM: "... hateful and bigoted legislation".

Nothing "hateful" or "bigoted" about shooting movies in Azerbaijan, China, the Czech Republic, Jamaica, Japan, Morocco, Panama, and Turkey, huh?

* Microsoft: "We agree with the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce on keeping Georgia a great place to do business".

It also agrees Saudi Arabia, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates are great places to do business. Did I mention it makes billions off of Third-World slave labor?

* NFL: "[Our] policies emphasize tolerance and inclusiveness ...".

How "inclusive" are the sweatshops in the shit-hole countries which churn out your shit?

* Netflix: "... we will move our productions elsewhere".

How about India, Indonesia, Nigeria, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore or Vietnam?

* Salesforce: "[We] will have to... mov[e] [our] conference to a state that provides a more welcoming environment to the LGBTQ community".

How about China, India, Japan, Korea or Singapore?

* Sony: "HB757 is anathema to all those who value diversity and inclusion".

Since when does Japan, Dubai, Kazakhstan, and Russia value diversity and inclusion?

- * Starbucks re-designed its logo for its Saudi Arabia stores to comply with Sharia, yet CEO Howard Schultz wags his finger at those Georgia "bigots"? Spare me!
- * Unilever: "Inclusive society critical to business".

In case you were wondering why it does business in "inclusive" Russia!

* Virgin: "Georgia must stop discrimination in the name of religious freedom".

But not Oman, Saudi Arabia, or the United Arab Emirates, huh?

* Yelp: "discrimination should not be legislated".

Except against those Christian pizza place owners in Indiana whose Yelp page was bombed with obscenities and death threats for endorsing true marriage.

They and dozens of more jackoffs reserve the right to not do bu\$ine\$\$ in Georgia in the high unholy name of "di\$crimination", yet demand Deal force Mon-and-Pop businesses to violate their beliefs! Can you say "hypocri\$y"?

Meanwhile, North Carolina governor Pat McCrory is standing up to the bullies threatening to unleash Hell unless he repeals HB2, which repealed a Charlotte ordinance requiring businesses to allow "men" and "women" access to opposite-sex facilities. Among the usual

suspects is PayPal, which said it will not expand into the state (yet will continue to do business in Algeria, China, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Turkey, you get the idea).

I got an e-mail from Bob Page of Replacements, Inc., from which I once bought some silverware. In it, he stressed his military service; how he and his "husband" are "dads" to three boys; how lucky he feels to run a successful company; how proud he is to employ people in desperate need of psychiatric help, while parroting the "civil rights" BS:

"HB2 bars cities, towns, and counties from prohibiting discrimination of any kind and makes clear that LGBT people may legally be singled out for unfair treatment in the work place, housing, and public accommodations".

I replied to this hooey by sending him a link to HB2:

"Unless it is in invisible ink, there's NOTHING about targeting those who ID as LGBTQ 'for unfair treatment', and even allows them to change their birth certificate to correspond to their 'gender identity'. How is that 'unfair treatment'"?

I pointed out that Charlotte's stunt violated the state's constitution, AND that the man behind the stunt, Chad Sevearance-Turner, is a registered sex offender. A registered HOMOSEXUAL sex offender! Why doesn't THAT bother Page?

After Attorney General Roy Cooper, who's running against McCrory for governor, announced he won't defend HB2 - in violation of the oath he took to defend ALL the state's laws, whether he likes them personally or not - Bruce Springsteen canceled his April 10th Greensboro show "... to show solidarity for those freedom fighters". Playing Zimbabwe and opposing lowering property taxes for the working stiffs in your native New Jersey as you raked in farm subsidies is a real bizarre way "to show solidarity for those freedom fighters", "Boss"! Did I mention he plies his trade for Sony?

Among those cheering Springsteen's decision to screw hundreds of people out of a paycheck is Dennis Burgard of Jacksonville, Florida, whose Change.org petition is chilling:

"[He] has a right to his deeply held beliefs... to control his business and refuse to do business with those he disagrees with... Rock on, Bruce! You exercised your rights as a business person and we support your right!"

Burgard forgets ONE thing: "The Boss" HAS a contract, which, it's safe to assume, DOES NOT include a clause allowing him to break said contract to show his support for "freedom fighters" demanding the "right" to piss in an opposite-sex restroom! A baker, however, DOES NOT have a contract with the same-sex couple demanding he violate his beliefs by baking their "wedding" cake. BIG difference!

Well, wouldn't you know it! The Department of Justice sent a letter to McCroy informing him that HB2 violates Title VII and Title IX of the Civil Rights Act (1964), the Education Acts Amendment (1972), and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (2013), and gave him until May 9th to repeal HB2 or risk losing federal funds and tax transfers. Did I mention a federal agency putting its own spin on a congressional statute is illegal?

North Carolina sued, contending "overreach". The DOJ counter-sued, Attorney General Loretta Lynch comparing HB2 with Jim Crow -- no, I am NOT making that up! Lynch is betting the farm on an April 18th spanking of a District Court judge by the Obamabots on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals for not allowing a Virginia girl who identifies as a boy to use her school's boys-only facilities. Well, Loony Loretta, the joke is on you! Here are the opinions which hold that Title VII and Title IX DO NOT apply to sexual/gender identity:

Johnston v. University of Pittsburgh (2015)

Lopez v. River Oaks Imaging & Diagnostic (2008)

Etsitty v. Utah Transit Authority (2007)

Sweet v. Mulberry Lutheran Home (2003)

Oiler v. Winn-Dixie (2002)

Spearman v. Ford Motor Company (2000)

Ulane v. Eastern Airlines (1984)

Sommers v. Budget Marketing (1982)

Powell v. Read's (1977)

Grossman v. Board of Education (1975)

Oh, and will someone also kindly inform her that she is THIS CLOSE to violating Rule 11(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure?

Where is are the Republicans? Where are the feminists, whose predecessors campaigned for women-only public restrooms? That NO national figure will support North Carolina is pathetic. But not surprising. When Kim Davis was being whacked around like a piñata for doing what her governor and AG refused to do (see "Jail the Fat, Ugly, Bitch!"), NONE of the GOP elites could be bothered. The only politicos supporting McCroy are former Arizona state senator Kelli Ward, Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder, Texas governor Greg Abbott, and Texas AG Ken Paxton. Meanwhile, North Carolina's congressmen sent a letter to

Education Secretary John King begging him not to pull the plug on the \$tate\$'\$ goodie\$ while their Capitol Hill cronies tweet about fighting "the opioid epidemic"! PATHETIC!

Lynch said this is about more than bathrooms. She's right about that! This is about hatred of freedom, hatred of the individual, hatred of the family, hatred of decency, hatred of morality, hatred of the Constitution, and hatred of God. Taking her "logic" to its logical conclusion: correctional departments will have to transfer male inmates who identify as female to women's prisons; sororities will have to accept male pledges who identify as female; male-only sports leagues will have to allow women who identify as male to play! I can't wait for LeBron James to declare he is "gender-fluid" and sue the NBA - which is threatening to pull the 2017 All-Star Game unless McCrory bends over for Big Gay - for the "right" to play in the NBA AND in the WNBA anytime he "feels" "male" or "female"! Won't THAT be fun?!

It isn't just unconscionable to condone a lifestyle which has destroyed countless lives and cost billions of dollars, it is pure evil! This is not going to end well.

UPDATE: Obama orders all public schools to make its opposite-sex facilities available to students with gender dysphoria or risk lawsuits and/or loss of funding [May 12, 2016]

UPDATE: Indiana congressman Luke Messer files the PUBLIC School Act "To protect the authority of States... to enact and enforce policies regarding... sex-segregated bathrooms and... locker rooms...". Two North Carolina congressmen are co-sponsors [May 18, 2016]

UPDATE: NBA announces it will move the 2017 All-Star Game out of Charlotte but may consider it for the 2019 All-Star Game if North Carolina repeals HB2 [July 21, 2016]

UPDATE: McCroy concedes the race to Cooper after a recount [December 5, 2016]

UPDATE: Charlotte City Council votes 11-0 to repeal its ordinance; in turn, the legislature is expected to repeal HB2 [December 20, 2016]

UPDATE: North Carolina legislature votes to NOT repeal HB2 [December 22, 2016]

UPDATE: Trump withdraws the Obama public school order [February 22, 2017]

UPDATE: Cooper signs HB-142, which repeals HB2 but places a 3-year moratorium on local ordinances regulating public accommodations [March 31, 2017]

UPDATE: NCAA votes "reluctantly" to end its boycott of North Carolina [April 4, 2017]