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White House Typing Office  
Room 62



August 18, 1990

Dear President Bush,

This is the first time I have ever written to the President, and I am not sure of the format. However, it is my intent to convey my feelings to you concerning your recent dismissal of Doug Wead.

I am not sure of all the ins and outs of this particular issue. I am often surprised and disappointed at the skimpy as well as discriminate coverage provided by our newspapers. If, however, the coverage is accurate, I am to believe Mr. Wead was dismissed because he refused homosexual magazine reporters access to a press conference.

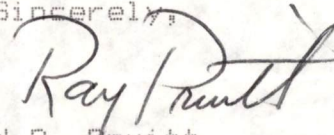
Mr. President, it is not my intention to offer you an opinion on what was done. I would just ask you if you feel that what occurred was in the best interest of our nation? If you feel it was, then I would question your spiritual commitment, since God's word states His opinion on deviate behavior. He also makes it clear as to where He feels His people should stand on human issues that conflict with His agenda.

One of the most provocative passages says, "...We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29) I may be wrong, but if there was an opportunity to show where you stand, it was there.

It was a disappointment to read of this travesty in the newspaper. It seems that the only time they make any effort to praise you, it is when you do something that causes those of us who helped elect you to doubt ourselves.

I realize the magnitude of your task, and pray for you daily. Your situation is hopeless, unless you know whom you have hope in. Trust God's leading. He never Fails.

Sincerely,



W.R. Pruitt  
4571 S.W. 25th. Av.  
Ft. Laud. Fla. 33312

9256 Thilow Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95826  
August 19, 1990

President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Doug Wead

Dear President Bush:

As conservative members of the California Republican Assembly and supporters of your Presidency, we are concerned over the dismissal of Doug Wead from his position at the White House. We need Doug Wead's representation of the traditional Christian family's values in the White House to counter the pressures of the homosexual and anti-family groups who seek to destroy the family.

Please re-instate Mr. Wead to his former post.

Sincerely,

*Dave Clewett*

Dave Clewett

*Jill Clewett*

Jill Clewett

# The legend of the Sand Dollar

Upon this odd shaped sea shell  
a legend grand is told  
About the life of Jesus  
the wondrous tale of old

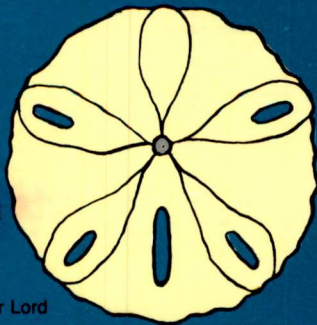
The center marking plainly shows  
the well known Guiding Star  
That led to tiny Bethlehem  
the Wise Men from afar

The Christmas flower, Poinsettia  
for His Nativity  
The Resurrection too is marked  
the Easter Lily, see

Five wounds where suffered by our Lord  
from nails and Roman's spear  
When He died for us on the cross  
The wounds show plainly here

Within the shell, should it be broke  
five Doves of Peace are found  
To emphasize this legend  
so may Peace and Love abound

*Greetings from the Seashore*







W. BRODEEN  
535 IRVINE ST.  
CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI 54729

B.  
Wead  
Dear Mr. President,  
I am disappointed  
that Mr. Doug Wead was  
fired and I hope you  
will reconsider and  
hire him again.

Mr. Wead believes  
in pro family values  
and I do too.

Sincerely,  
Winifred Brodeen



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President George Bush

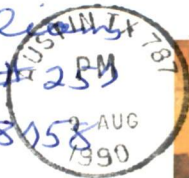
White House

Washington D. C.

20500



Charles W. Williams  
1105 Rutland #253  
Austin, TX 78758



America the Beautiful USA 15

President George Bush  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

8-6-90

Wlad I would like to  
strongly register my dis-  
approval of the firing of  
Mr. Doug Wlad. He  
was a strong supporter of  
good values and morals -  
you have lost a friend and  
trusted advisor.

Charles Williams

J. CLARDY  
6723 BEAUFORD DRIVE  
AUSTIN, TX 78750



America the Beautiful USA 15

President George Bush  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

8-8-90

95.  
Dear Mr. President,

Wead as pro-family people we  
are most upset at your  
firing of Doug Wead. If  
you abandon us -  
Mr. President ~~to~~ you will  
not get our vote.

Jim & Joana Clardy

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F. W. French  
432 E. Connolly Cir  
Lockhart, TX 78744



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White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

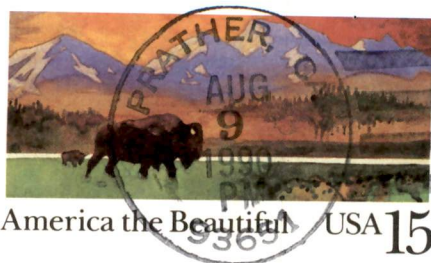
8-8-90

Dear Mr. President,

W. Doug Wead has been an advocate of values and morals that represent millions of evangelical Christians who voted for you. I think you should reconsider your ~~to~~ firing of Mr. Wead.

Fred & Frances French

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Linn  
20138 E. Tollhouse  
Clovis, Ca. 93612



President George Bush  
White House  
Washington, D.C.  
20500

25.

8-8-90

Dear Mr. President,

*Wlead*  
We want to express  
our disappointment with  
the firing of Mr. Doug Wead  
as your Special Assistant  
~~for~~ Public Liaison. We  
hope that you will  
reconsider this decision.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Linn



MS. LAURA S. TIZZARD  
1295 RACE ST. # 502  
DENVER, CO. 80206



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Pres. George Bush  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

20015



25.

08/03/90

Dear Pres. George Bush,

~~Head~~ With the firing of Doug Weed,  
I am not happy. "To whom much  
is given, is much required." There  
are 115,000,000 of us Christians  
but you listened to the voices of only  
115,000 heros. Thank you for your  
attention. Laura S. Tizzard



Pres. Geo. Bush  
White House  
Washington, D.C.  
20016

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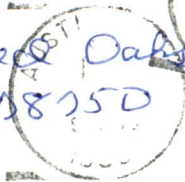
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Medford, Massachusetts  
National Historic Landmark

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Weed: I must protest firing of  
Doug Weade. We Christians need  
a liaison to the White House.

Eileen Leeper  
11368 Benttree  
Okla. City, OK 73120

Patts  
9804A Nunechee Oaks  
Austin, TX 78750



America the Beautiful USA 15

President George Bush  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

8-4-90

25. Dear Mr. President

Wlad I am very displeased  
with your firing of Wong  
Wlad. Why are you  
abandoning the pro family  
people who voted you  
in.

John : Teri Potts

17  
August 25, 1990

Wlead  
Dear Governor Sununu —

Why is the president ignoring the Evangelical Christian community which voted for him in record numbers? I am a member of that Evangelical Christian community & I am very unhappy with President Bush.

It was very wrong of President Bush to fire White House staffer Doug Wead. Doug Wead opposed giving legitimacy & approval to homosexual sodomy by inviting gays to the White House & I agree with Doug Wead.

Why is the President getting in bed with the gay community? They did not vote for him & they never will. George Bush stands for traditional family, Christian values. The gays do not. They will not vote for President Bush!

I wish the President would stop inviting gays to the White House & would start appointing Evangelical Christians to positions in government. We are your supporters; we voted for you. Why is Geo. Bush so



ungrateful toward the Evangelical community?  
Why does he take us for granted?

Sincerely,

Gregg Schweiger

1006 E. 3rd St.

Duluth, MN 55805

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Dear

8-20-90

Dear Pres. Bush:

I am writing to  
protest the departure of  
Doug Head.

I & my husband are  
conservative Republicans  
& are behind you & appreciate  
many hard decisions you  
have had to make.

Praying for you,

Margaret Robinson

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WeAD

20 August 1990

address on back of

THE PRESIDENT

GEORGE BUSH

Dear Mr. President, I am writing this letter in regards to Mr. Doug Wead getting fired from his/the Evangelical position.

It is really very sad that a sinful so called "Gay - Lesbian", "organization", can do or by their so-called "rights" do or be responsible for the firing of Doug Wead's position.

Our country was founded on the Faith of our Christian Founding Fathers. We/us/our country needs someone of Mr. Doug Wead's category on your evangelical staff more than ever considering the state of affairs our country is in right now with situations in the Middle East, drugs, etc. I, my family, our church Prays for Divine Guidance on your decisions, Mr. President. God Bless You. Sincerely, Daniel C. Halber



Disabled American Relined Veteran

DANIEL C. GALLEGO

P.O. Box 28232

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25  
Wead  
August 21, 1990

President George Bush  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to express my dissatisfaction on Doug Wead's dismissal from his position on your staff.

I would certainly appreciate knowing the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of Mr. Wead. He was a staunch supporter of your position and your policies and I think his dismissal was a gross injustice.

Sincerely,

JoAnn S. Peace

JSP/ns







# WILBERT ELECTRIC

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*Wead*

August 20, 1990

PRESIDENT BUSH --  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

I would like to express my concern regarding Doug Wead. I feel it would not serve the American public to remove this man from his position because of pressure from a radical group.

Americans stand for what is moral. We teach our children what is right and wrong, and I feel that Mr. Wead is standing up for what is right..

I am a life time voting Republican, Conservative.

I believe in your ability to make tough decisions, and have full confidence that you will do what is right.

Very truly concerned,

THOMAS J. WILBERT  
7541 Auspicious Way  
Sacramento, CA 95842



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Dead  
  
August 21, 1990

President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

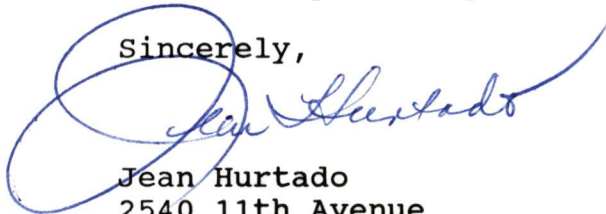
Dear President Bush:

I am writing to request that you retain Doug Weed in the White House, thus honoring your "traditional value" pledge to the people of the United States.

I am a Republican. I pray for you -- that the Lord will provide wisdom in your decisions.

God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,



Jean Hurtado  
2540 11th Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95818

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Wead

Susan S. Young  
8518 Delahye Circle  
Sacramento, Calif.  
95828

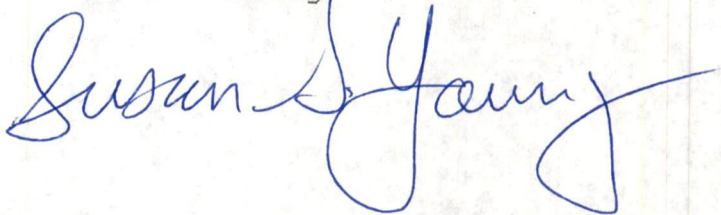
President Bush  
Washington, D.C. 20500

To whom it may concern;

I am writing in regards to the pressure that was put on one of your aides, who recently left. I'm refering to Douglas Wead. It sadden me to learn that the office of the ~~presidency of the~~ United States would allow the "gay" lobby to have such an influence. This "gay" lobby only represents a very small minority of the America populas, so my question is how can this happen when almost none of them voted for the Bush/Quayle ticket in 1988? The great mass of people who voted for this administration are God fearing folk who agreed with President Bush during his campaign that we as a nation should return to traditional values. Ones which were founded by our forefathers and based on Biblical principles. I just wanted to say that you should thank the Almighty for men such as Douglas Wead who make a stand for Bible truths. It is men like these who make this country great. The gays can only work to destroy this great nation. Winston Churchill once said that a nation who forgets the past, has no future. History does repeat itself. Are you going to allow this kind of thinking to go on, or are you going to open up your Bible and find thee truth concerning the gay issue?

Please re-instate Douglas Wead as one of President Bushs' asides. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Susan S. Young





Wead . . .

8/20/90

Dear President Bush.

I have been a republican all my life, there just isn't any other party for me.

I heard Doug Wead was dismissed from his job. I am very upset over this, and I ask that you reinstate him as of today.

We need all the "good" men we can get at this time of great needs. I like what you stand for, keep the good work up.

09/08/08

President Bush

White House

Washington

D.C.



For the sake of the  
American government  
and its safety, please  
give us your support.

In Christ, we remain

yours truly,

Mrs. Eleanor Cook  
340 & Balmoreal Dr<sup>#21</sup>  
Sacramento, Ca. 95821





# RALEIGH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

J.D. Middlebrook, Pastor

August 20, 1990

President George Bush  
White House  
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Mr. President:

Greetings!

I am not a frequent writer to your office and for the most part have been able to support your decisions. However, I feel compelled on this matter.

Many of us have viewed with alarm the pressure placed upon Doug Wead to leave his position as special assistant. Mr. Wead has served you with honor. You have other staff persons sympathetic to homosexuals and pornographic interests that will never be an asset to you.

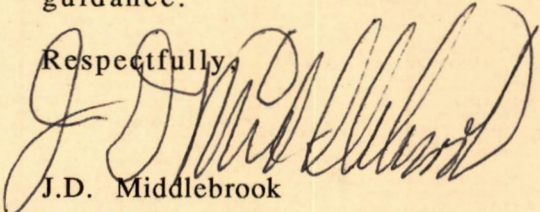
Any attempt for you to win the support of the so-called "gay and lesbian" coalition will be futile.

The majority of Americans would like to believe we have a President who indeed "lives as well as speaks about family values". Now, I strongly doubt integrity when the courting of the homosexuals begins so overtly.

I am not suggesting what your debt is to Mr. Wead, but I am reminding you of the debt to all of us trying to save our traditional Judeo-Christian values.

We pray for you in the role of leader of the free world. May God give you guidance.

Respectfully,

  
J.D. Middlebrook

JDM:klw

(901) 386-5055

P.O. Box 280536 3683 Austin Peay Highway Memphis, Tennessee 38168



KH  
Wead

8904 Mineral King Court  
Elk Grove, California 95624

August 19, 1990

President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I was very disappointed to learn this morning of the departure of Mr. Doug Wead from your staff. While I recognize my understanding of the circumstances surrounding Mr. Wead's departure may be incomplete, I **must still take the time to record my protest over what appears to be the work of the gay community leading to Mr. Wead's leaving your staff.**

You have run on a platform plank affirming traditional values, and to date I have been favorably impressed with your stance on the various issues that would be affected by such a position. If the initial reports passed on this morning are confirmed, though, I would have to seriously question the sincerity of your position in the future.

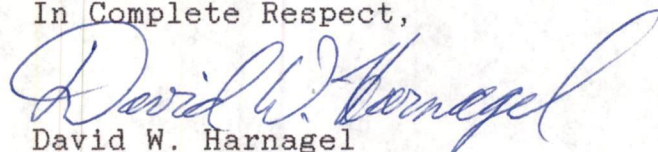
I have been and am a supporter of your presidency. I voted for you in 1988, and plan to support and vote for you again in 1992. Since you assumed the duties of President of the United States of America, my admiration for you as an individual and a leader has grown virtually continuously, and as I have forcefully contended in numerous casual discussions with groups of friends, I believe you are doing an exceptional job directing our nation in a time that requires balancing literally hundreds of competing interests.

**Bowing to the demands of an extremely small, militant, minority seeking to detrimentally restructure our society to suit their own agenda hardly fits my previous perceptions, and the gay community is just such a group.**

**The problem with an issue like this, of course, is that it is so fundamental - it gets directly to the heart of a man. If you're willing to sell someone down the river to appease a noisy and influential (though small) special interest group, one can reasonably ask if such an act lacking in integrity is but a sign of a much deeper personality flaw simply hidden from general view. Don't force your supporters to begin considering such possibilities!**

I urge you to draw Doug Wead back into your administration. Stand for the things you have repeatedly supported in the American public forum. Continue to give your backers reason to be proud and vocal in your support.

In Complete Respect,

  
David W. Harnagel



KH Wead  
8904 Mineral King Court  
Elk Grove, California 95624

August 20, 1990

President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I was very disappointed to learn yesterday morning of your having bowed to pressure from the gay community in the departure of Mr. Doug Wead from your staff.

You have run on a platform plank affirming traditional values, and to date I have been favorably impressed with your stance on the various issues that would be affected by such a position. This situation with Mr. Wead, though, leads me to seriously question the sincerity of your position.

I have been and am a supporter of your presidency. I voted for you in 1988, and plan to support and vote for you again in 1992. But bowing to the demands of an extremely small, militant, minority seeking to detrimentally restructure our society to suit their own agenda hardly fits my previous perceptions, and the gay community is just such a group. It honestly hurts to say this, but please don't force me to begin considering that George Will may have chosen his metaphor well when suggesting you are a leader who does the bidding of others! Though this is not the leader I've seen to date, I am beginning to wonder.

I urge you to draw Doug Wead back into your administration. Stand for the things you have repeatedly supported in the American public forum. Continue to give your backers reason to be proud and vocal in your support.

Very Truly Yours,

*Rebecca D. Harnagel*  
Rebecca D. Harnagel

KH Wead

Sunday, August 19,  
1990

Dear President Bush,

I would like to respectfully request that you reconsider the decision made to relieve Doug Wead of his position on your staff. I, personally, am thankful for the strong position he has taken for the virtuous morals and ethics that our country's integrity is founded on. We need honest, strong Christian men to ~~bolster~~ support the righteous stands that you, Mr. President, must take on behalf of us all in the days to come.

Though the storms may come, our country will not be shaken if our leaders continue to stand for godliness and seek His guidance, not the approval of a select

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few who are vocal demonstrators.

We are praying across the nation that you will be guided by the Lord to prayerfully consider every decision that represents God's children.

Thank you for the integrity of your leadership thus far. May the joy of the Lord be yours no matter what lies ahead, and may God's angels protect your entire family.

Sincerely,

Kirsten Slade

KH Wead

Aug 21, 1990

Dear President Bush:

We respectfully request that you  
~~reconsider your action in terminating~~  
~~Doug Wead and return him to the~~  
~~position he held prior to this action.~~

We feel you were pressured by a  
group that does not reflect the feelings  
of the majority of the people that you  
represent and support you.

We are conservative Republicans and  
have been for many years.

We voted as Democrats for years  
before that until the liberal concepts of that  
party became more than we could accept.

~~We~~ feel the extreme liberalism that  
the group who applied the pressure to  
remove Doug Wead is jeopardizing the  
America that we once knew and the  
American way that made our nation strong.

Sincerely,

Wm B. Blevins Jr  
Marguerite V. Blevins

3529 Warrego Way  
Sacramento, Calif 95826



KH

confusing

AUGUST 20, 1990

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,  
Wead

I'M WRITING YOU IN REGARDS TO

DOUG WEAD

AND I'M PROTESTING HIS RELEASE  
DUE TO GAY LOBBISTS,  
I'VE BEEN A CONSERVATIVE  
REPUBLICAN SINCE I COULD  
VOTE & IM 34 NOW. I'VE  
VOTED FOR REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTS  
AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN ABLE  
TO BECAUSE OF THEM  
LEANING TOWARDS CHRISTIAN  
IDEAS & BELIEFS.

I DON'T APPRECIATE  
SOMEONE LEAVING A  
POSITION WITH YOU DUE  
TO GAY PROTEST.

PLEASE RECONSIDER  
BRINGING DOUG WEAD BACK  
TO HIS POSITION.

SINCERELY Valerie McGill

I hope my opinion counts as much as a gay person.



KH  
Wead

Aug 20, 1990

Dear Mr President:

As a life long Republican and  
a contributor to the Party, I was  
dismayed to learn of Doug Wead's  
discharge. You were elected on  
a platform of conservatism  
and traditional family values.

Your catering to the gay rights  
groups does not come under  
the heading of "family values"!

Please maintain the traditional  
family ~~for~~ values in which this  
country was founded and which  
made it great.

Sincerely

Brian Blackman

4629 Ladera Way  
Carmichael CA 95608

KH  
Wead

Aug.20.1990

Dear President Bish -

I was disappointed at the firing of Doug Wead.

Don't you realize that this was nothing more than the democrats trying to put a wedge between you and the conservatives ?

They are trying to get the conservatives angry at you so they can be persuaded to vote against you in the next election.

I believe that you are wiser than that and will rectify the problem.

Sincerely

*Mrs Lucille Lundmark*

LUCILLE LUNDMARK  
184 N JACKSON AVENUE  
BRADLEY IL 60815

*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. — Heb. 13:8*  
*Faith comes by hearing The Word of God. — Rom. 10:17*



KH  
Wead

John Peoples  
6549 N. 71. ST. DRIVE  
GLENDALE, AZ. 85303

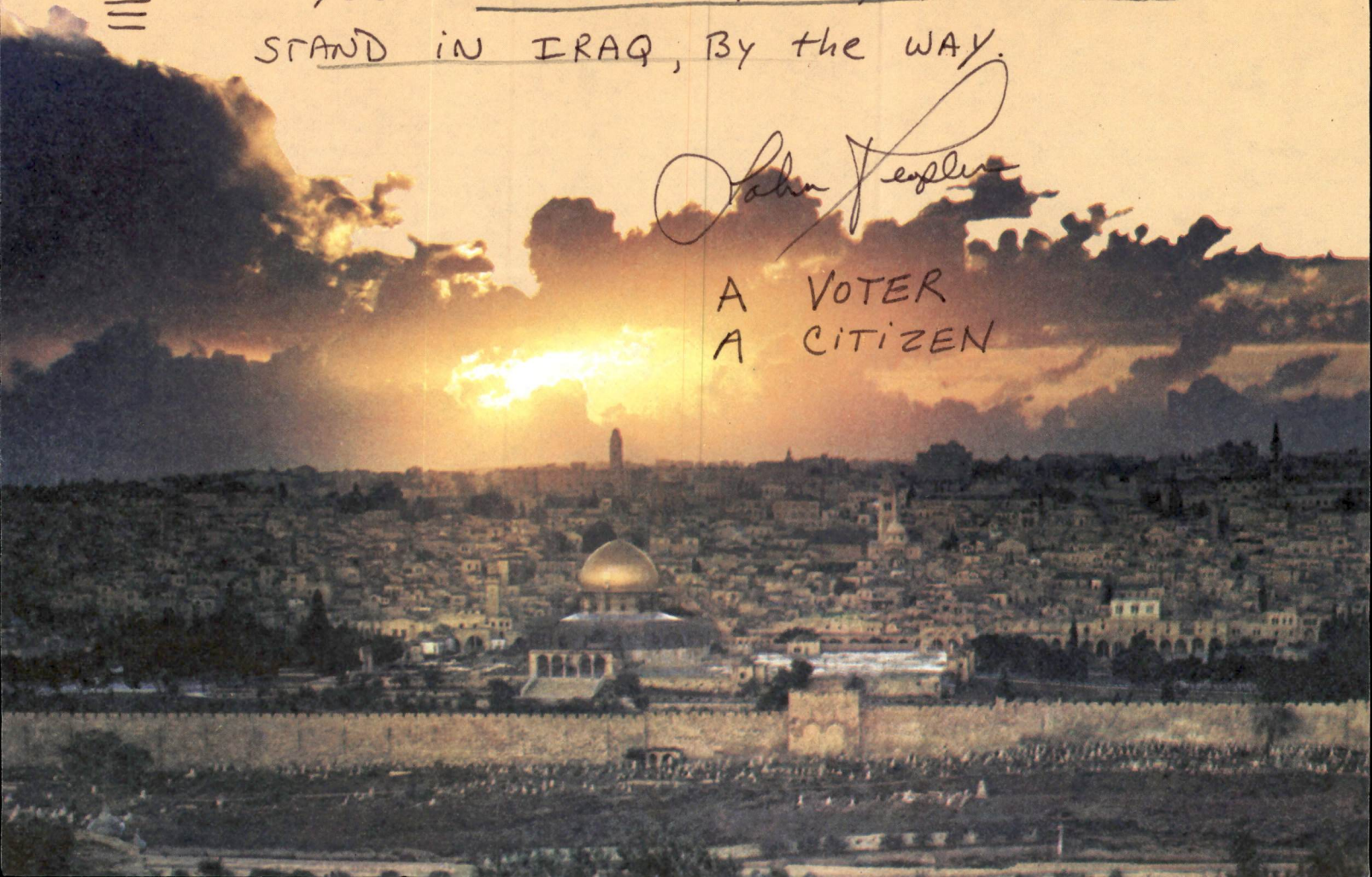
George Bush  
President of The United States  
Washington, D.C.

PRESIDENT Bush:

I wish TO EXTEND TO YOU ~~MY~~ DEEP  
HURT AND LOSS TO CONSERVATIVE VOTERS OF  
AMERICA AT the FIRING OF DOUG WEADE.  
He WAS TRULY OUR VOICE TO YOU. HE REPRESENTED  
US TO YOU. I DO SUPPORT YOUR STRONG  
STAND IN IRAQ, BY the WAY.

John Peoples

A VOTER  
A CITIZEN





KH  
Wead



Dear President Bush,

My husband and I are deeply  
saddened by your recent decision  
to terminate Public Laison Doug  
Weems from your employment.  
We are praying to God that  
He will cause you to surround  
yourself with Godly advisers.  
As President of the United States  
of America you are responsible  
to God first and man  
second. This nation was  
birthed out of the will of  
God, therefore it would seem



logical that its President  
would appoint men who  
~~so~~ would seek Gods will.

We voted for you Mr.  
President because you are a  
moral, decent, conservative man.  
<sup>But,</sup> we understand that in your  
sense of fairness <sup>that</sup> you wouldn't  
want to legislate morality for  
immoral people. But on the same  
token, Mr. President, we would  
appreciate it if the government  
wouldn't legislate immorality,  
or censure those who would  
choose to serve the most High  
God. Sincerely,  
Michael & Stephanie Holcroft



KH  
Wead

8-20-90

The Honorable Mr. President:

I am writing to express my great disappointment over the dismissing of Doug Wead. I have been a supportive Republican for years & have voted for your election. Yet as a traditional/conservative, I am appalled that we allow the gay movement to <sup>so</sup> color the majority opinion in this country. I am a hard-working teacher doing my utmost duty to "hold the line" for the smooth, cooperative functioning of this great society. Why are those of us who are willing to show a moral position on something being made a victim and others whose



②  
"life style has clearly endangered  
us being allowed to intimidate  
us as well?"

Song Wead needs to be  
reinstated. We cannot afford  
to lose principled <sup>women</sup> men in high  
places. We must guard each one.

My thoughts & prayers are  
with you in this matter & the  
mid-east crisis especially.

Thank you for your  
consideration.

Sincerely,  
Charlyn Goddard



CHARLYN GODDARD  
10642 Woodbury Rd., Garden Grove, CA 92643

KH  
Wad

August 24, 1990

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to express my anger and concern in Doug Weeds' expulsion from the White House. I feel his departure was a direct result of pressure from the gay rights organizations.

As a citizen who voted for you in 1988 — I find it most disturbing that you would make a decision based on a strong lobbying effort from this type of group.

Sincerely,  
Bob Lucas  
1066 University Ave.  
Salinas, Ca. 93901

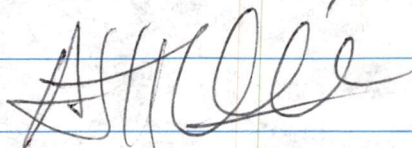


KH  
Wead

August 20, 1990

To: President George Bush  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

I protest against the dismissal of  
Doug Wead because I support traditional  
values; I voted for you in the last  
election.



ANTHONY MEES

6116 PICKFORD PLACE

ELK GROVE, CA 95758



KH  
Wead

August 20, 1990

Dear President Bush,

I am writing to you today to protest the release of Doug Wead as a presidential aid, due to his stand on traditional and religious values.

I voted for you in the past Presidential election because of your stand for traditional values; America needs your strengths and beliefs. Please honor God, and let Him do His work in this great nation, surround yourself with these men to help put us back in God's graces!

Hold on to Jesus,  
Billy Miller  
Sacramento, Ca.



KH  
Wead

Walnut Creek, Cal.

Aug 21-90

President George Bush:

I'm expressing my concern  
regarding the firing of  
Mr. Douglas Wead who  
was your liaison for the  
Evangelists.

Please re-instate him!  
Mr. Wead represents we  
Christians in America, and  
the traditional values we  
base our lives on, and the  
values our great Country  
was founded on.

Sincerely yours,  
Beatrice Beck  
284 Ballindine Drive  
Vacaville, Calif. 95688

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August 23, 1990

The Honorable George Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Mr. President:

I have been shocked recently when I heard Mr. Doug Wead was no longer a member of your team. If you believe as I do that Doug's role of service to you and our country needs to continue I would be most grateful to hear of your interceding on his behalf and restoring him at least to the position he had prior to his removal.

I applaud Doug's strong moral and ethical convictions. Such a man I believe you need close to you, Mr. President.

God bless you and keep up the remarkable job you are doing.

Sincerely,



Frank B. Thompson, Jr.



KH  
Wead

August 10, 1990

President George Bush  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am deeply concerned and offended by the recent firing of Mr. Doug Wead.

I believe that the Bible teaches that we should pray for and support our leaders in government offices. However, I cannot in good conscience, support anyone who fires a man for standing up for Christian values and Biblical principles.

I trust that this will receive your immediate attention. My continued prayers go with you.

Sincerely,

*Mona K. Owens*

Mona Owens

KH  
Wead

94 Cantabrook St  
Sacramento, Ca  
95828

8-20-'90

Mr President:

I am writing to protest  
the departure of Doug Wead  
from the White House.  
He is an honest and  
sincere Christian and is  
much needed in government.  
My husband and I have  
always voted Republican  
and are conservative in  
our beliefs.

Sincerely,  
Mrs Helen Ferrola



KH  
Wead

The White House  
Washington D.C. 20500  
August 24, 1990

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you as a very concerned Christian, family man, an American Navy man, taxpayer and loyal supporter of your administration.

~~It has been brought to my attention that a great American servant, Mr. Doug Wead, is being forced out of his position at the White House by pressure from gay liberal members of your staff. I sincerely hope this is not true. Doug Wead is, as you know, a great human being as a Christian, writer and a model for all Americans to emulate.~~

I STRONGLY oppose the liberal gay rights group because of their sexual preference, which is an abomination; their threat to American security, their aiding in the deterioration of the American family with their liberal morales and conduct, and their pressuring good, solid Christians like Doug Wead out of his position at the White House.

If there is anything I can do to help Doug Wead stay at the White House, please call me at 202/310-1288.

Sincerely,

Doug Sorensen



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Wead



# Assist International

Robert J. Pagett  
President

August 23, 1990  
President George Bush  
The White House

Dear President Bush,

I just returned home from a trip to Eastern Europe to learn that Doug Wead was fired. I was shocked by the news not so much because Doug Wead received his walking papers, but because of the supposed reasons for his firing.

It is possible that there are other underlying reasons that justify his firing. The question now arises, as to who will replace Doug Wead and is there a viable ear of the Evangelical Community to the President of the United States? Millions in the Christian Community are not the bigoted narrow minded fringe as some questionable "zealots" would make them out to be. They are the silent people who love our country, who have family values and who support our President. They are concerned that they be represented on the White House Staff.

Who will now represent this Community to the President of the United States? I just hope special interest groups will not use you for their own personal gain and that the Christian Community have an ear to our President.

These are not easy days for you. Many are upholding you with their concern and their prayers.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Robert J. Pagett  
President  
Assist International

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Wead

August 19, 1990

President Bush  
White House  
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

It has come to my attention that Mr. Doug Wead has recently been removed from his post as your advisor. I wish to express my protest at his departure from the White House.

I have been a life long Republican and believe strongly in traditional Christian values and ethics. I voted for you based on your ethics and values and desire to see you continue in what you believe. Mr. Wead holds these same ethics and values and I believe he has been a tremendous asset to the White House. It is imperative that he remain at his post to support these traditional values which are so critical to the United States.

Again, this letter is in support of Mr. Wead and in protest to his departure.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Marcia Nielsen*

Mrs. Marcia Nielsen  
271 Brewster Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95831

LA West -  
ABV  
Dear President Bush

I understand that Doug Wead was either fired or forced to resign due to the undue pressures placed on him by the homosexuals. I am a born again Christian Charismatic and I am greatly distressed at the loss of my moral Godly representative Doug Wead. I strongly believe in the values of the bible and in the biblical examples of a Godly home. I want to be represented by a Christian that holds the same beliefs that I do. God will judge a nation that turns their back to Him and to the Godly principles our country was founded on. If America doesn't repent of her wickedness



God will surely judge us. We claim to be  
a Christian country but we legalize homosexuality,  
abortion and pornography. We need men like  
Doug Wead in the White House to raise the  
moral standards of this country. We can't afford  
to let Godly men be pushed out of office  
and replace them with ungodly homosexuals.  
I also don't agree with my tax dollars  
supporting the National Endowment of Arts when  
they display homosexual sex acts and I'm sure  
emerged in urine and shooting heroin. I  
feel my rights have been violated.  
God will only heal our land as we humble  
ourselves and turn from our wicked ways.

Sincerely Barbara Breatath



LA  
Wead

8-10-90

Dear Mr President,

I understand that Mr Wead is  
no longer your personnel advisor on  
pro-life issues. I would like to ask  
you to please select a christian man  
who will stand up for pro-life issues  
to replace him or get Mr Wead  
back. I & many others would like  
to see many more christian people in  
our government.

Thank You

Virginia Oehlke  
502 Bingham  
Victoria, Tx 77904



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Wead

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August 22, 1990

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
WHITEHOUSE  
WASHINGTON DC 20500

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH:

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT IT HAS BECOME YOUR INTENT TO RELEASE FROM HIS POSITION AS WHITE HOUSE ADVISER CONSERVATIVE DOUG WEAD.

THIS IS DISTRESSING TO ME AS A CITIZEN AS HE SUPPORTS THE SAME VALUES THAT ARE MINE AS A TRADITIONAL REPUBLICAN. I AM BOUND UP IN THE CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED AND AS WE DISCARD THEM FOR OTHER FORMS OF GOVERNMENT THAT RELY ON THE PRIDE OF MAN TO FIX EVERYTHING AND FORGET THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD OUR NATION FACES PERILOUS TIMES. I AM CERTAIN YOU ARE AWARE OF THESE THINGS AS MUCH AS I. PLEASE RECONSIDER YOUR ACTION REGARDING MR. WEAD.

I SERVED IN THE NAVY THE SAME TIME YOU DID AND WITH YOU I LOVE MY COUNTRY.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN ALL YOUR IMPORTANT ENDEAVORS ON BEHALF OF AMERICA.

SINCERELY,

  
J. WALTER YOUNG

KH  
Wead

con firing

President George Bush  
Washington D.C.  
20500

August 4, 1990

Dear President Bush,

I am very concerned about the recent firing of Mr. Doug Wead.

Mr. Wead believed strongly in traditional family values; values that need to be held by our government leaders.

It would appear that pressure from the homosexual lobby brought about this man's firing.

History shows that the breakdown of the traditional family within a society leads to the downfall of the nation in which that society exists.

Many people in this country voted for you because they believed that you'd work to keep the traditional family strong. Several recent decisions, in my opinion, indicate that your administration is abandoning the positions that you talked about during your campaign.

Please do not give in to pressure from special interest groups who as a whole did not support you in the past presidential election. In an effort to gain a handful of supporters from these groups, you may end up alienating a great many of us who voted for you in the past.

Sincerely,



Ronald G. Kramer



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Head

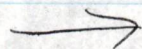
Aug. 18, 1990

Dear Mr. President-

I am concerned over the dismissal of  
Doug Head. I understand that he was  
concerned with the homosexual influence in  
The White House and because of that he was  
dismissed.

Please do not fall into the trap of  
the homosexuals. Their sins are a serious  
problem. I love the people, but I do not  
like the sins they commit and the problems  
it causes.

Remember that it is estimated that 1 out  
of every 3 voters you received came from  
Christians who want a strong, moral, God-





flouring nation. Our nation cannot  
continue to ignore values and morals  
and standards that we hold.

Thank you for reading this-

Judy Strickland  
1012 Jefferson  
Plainview, Tx. 79072



# OFFICIAL TAXPAYER'S PETITION

TO

PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH

I understand this will come up Sept. 5, 1990 - please do all you can to stop the horrible problem.

As an American taxpayer, I am outraged that the National Endowment for the Arts Appropriations Bill does not restrict spending my hard-earned tax dollars on pornography and obscenity.

Hundreds of thousands of citizens like me will hold your Administration accountable should you, as President of the United States, fail to veto this measure.

The N.E.A. has already given tens of thousands of public dollars to fund live sex shows, homoerotic film festivals, blasphemous photographs, paintings, and artwork.

I, as an American citizen and taxpayer, therefore, hereby petition you, the President of the United States of America, to dutifully execute the responsibilities of your office and veto this bill which is contrary to the majority wishes of the American people. Public tax money cannot be used to fund pornography and obscenity.

SIGNED and DATED this the 18 day of August, 1990.

City Plainview State Tx.

Judy Strickland

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weed  
8-21-90

DEAR PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING OUR PRESIDENT! I DO PRAY FOR YOU ON A REGULAR BASIS.

I AM NOT A CITIZEN OF THE U.S. I AM CANADIAN AND HAVE BEEN IN THE U.S. SINCE 1962. BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I SUPPORT GOVT. IN ANY WAY I CAN. I HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY THINKING OF BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN AND WOULD BE PROUD TO BE ONE.

I AM WRITING YOU THIS NOTE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I AM AGAINST THE ~~DEPARTURE OF DOUG WEED.~~ I WOULD ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER ANY DOCUMENTS THAT WOULD COME BEFORE YOU THAT WOULD ALLOW MR. WEED TO BE REMOVED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ MY NOTE.

PLEASE FORGIVE THE TYPE WRITTEN NOTE HOWEVER MY HANDWRITING IS NOT THE BEST AND I WANTED THE WORDS TO YOU TO BE QUITE CLEAR AND EASY TO READ.

God Bless You  
and your family.  
D. Shiver



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Mr. & Mrs. James E. Runyans  
2601 University Blvd. North Apt.#A113  
Jacksonville, Florida 32211

Mr. George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20050

August 19, 1990

RE: Dept. Assistant to President  
Public Liason

Dear Mr. Bush:

WEAD  
We have heard through our pastor, Mr. Paul Zink, who is a personal friend of Mr. Doug Weeds, that he has been fired from your staff because he could not go against his principals regarding homosexuals. This has been a very upsetting set of circumstances, especially since our pastor was summoned to Washington by you and asked for names of people who will serve in your government that are evangelicals. He was among the seventy men you called recently to pray for this nation.

How could this person, Bobbi Green Kilberg, who was the one who fired Doug Weeds, be in such power there? Surely you do not need that type of person in your administration. They should be fired and Doug Weeds restored to his post.

While we love the people, we hate and will not tolerate the sin of homosexuality. It is NOT the normal American way of living -- period. We do not want our children brought up like this. We thought you held the same views and values as we did. Have you changed your mind? We need to know.

These are troubled times, and you are very busy, I am sure. Is there no one who has pure principals and lives them that you can trust to take care of these things for you? How rare is the man who will in this day and time do what Doug Weeds has done. Won't you please restore him to his post and remove the pro-homosexual from their post? This is our desire, as citizens of this great country. How could we let this opportunity pass and not make known to you how we feel.

Of course, you are always in our prayers, Sir, and we send you all our love and respect.

Yours truly,

*James E. Runyans Jr.*  
*Lorraine Runyans*

James and Lorraine Runyans



August 19, 1990

Dear President Bush,

I am protecting the release of  
Doug Wead from his position  
at the White House.

I feel he is strongly needed  
at the White House to support  
Traditional Family Values.

Sincerely,

April Fischer

3907 Lusk Drive

Sacramento, Ca 95864



8-20-90

Weed

Dear President Bush,  
I do want to commend you  
for taking immediate action  
in the Middle East Crisis

I am however protesting the  
dismissal of Doug Weed. Won't  
you please reconsider <sup>and</sup>  
reinstate him. I write as  
a Christian <sup>and</sup> feel his dismissal  
is a detriment for the best  
interests of our country.

Sincerely,  
Luen Cryan  
166 Lemon Tree  
Vacaville, Ca.  
95687

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2950 Calderwood Ln. #89  
Sacramento, CA. 95821  
August 20, 1990

President George Bush  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 25000

Dear Mr. President,  
I have been a loyal Republican all  
my life and voted for you to be  
president. I have admired your  
stand for moral principles and values.  
Therefore it came as a shock and surprise  
to hear of the dismissal of Doug Wead.  
I strongly protest his departure and  
urge you to see about getting him  
reinstated.

My prayers are with you day and  
night that God will give you  
His Wisdom in this present crisis  
in the Middle East. God Bless you.

Sincerely,  
Beulah Bowen





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Weed

3105 Ellington Circle  
Sacramento, CA 95825

August 21, 1990

Pres. George Bush  
United States Of America  
Whitehouse  
Washington, DC 20500

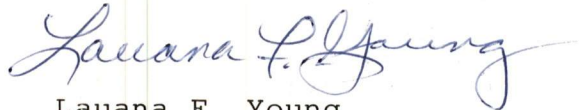
Dear President Bush;

I understand that you have elected to ask Doug Weed to step down from position of service whereby the "traditional value" that you ran on for the Presidency can now be weakened - replacing with values that could bring downfall to our nation. Reconsideration should be given.

As a life-long Republican conservative, it is my desire to see this nation have leadership that represents the ethics that our forefathers had who founded our country and constitution.

In a time of crisis this country needs to take moral stands and be strengthened by men of conviction with moral courage to stand for truth and right. Placing men of strong character to stand up under pressure in leadership positions takes courage - may you have God's protecting hand on your decisions.

Respectfully,



Lauana F. Young



8-20-90

Wead

President Bush

Mr. Bush,

I was sorry to hear that Doug Wead has been dismissed from his Washington duty - I express my regrets and ask that you use your influence to reinstate him.

Sincerely

Vivian Lortz  
8817 Brydon Way  
Sacramento, Ca  
95826

P.S. I believed in your strength when I voted for you - I continue to believe in you.



Weed

# A letter of strong PROTEST

Elmo & Ruth Cook  
2516-41st St.  
Sacramento, CA 95817

Aug 20, 1990

President Bush  
White House  
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We were greatly disturbed to learn of the dismissal of Mr. Doug Weed from the personal liaison counsel of the President.

More than this we heard that this dismissal was forced by a homosexual lobby. This is indeed shocking for God Himself has destroyed vast numbers of homosexuals as enemies of mankind. (Should homosexuals succeed in bringing mankind to following their lifestyle all living people would soon die off and God's plans for man would be brought to zero!)

We therefore, loudly protest the dismissal of Doug Weed from the President's council. We are loyal Republican conservatives and stand up <sup>for</sup> right living, obedience to law, and honorable government.

Respectfully yours,  
Elmo & Ruth Cook



Weed

Dear President Bush,

I am disgusted with the firing of Doug Weed. I do not understand for what reason he was fired. Is it because he objected so strongly to having homosexuals in the White House? Why also after advocating that you are a pro-life do you welcome pro-abortionists into the White House? It appears to me that you are doing a complete turn around from promoting the traditional family and family values to welcoming people who want to tear down the traditional morals upon which this great nation was built. Many Judeo-Christian voters voted you into office because you were for the family and against abortion. Were the things you said during your campaign lies ~~or~~ or has something happened to change your point of view.

I am also writing you to let you know



that I am totally and whole-heartedly  
against unlimited funding for the National  
Endowment for the Arts. Do you realize  
that the NEA is one of the biggest supporters  
of pornography. How can you give hard  
earned tax dollars to an organization  
that supports such filth. Then you talk  
about increasing our taxes to help balance  
the budget. How can you justify that?  
I wouldn't mind a tax increase to  
balance the budget but what I do mind  
is having my taxes raised so some  
so-called artists can portray my  
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in such  
a manner that such make everyone  
sick (Enclosed you will find an article  
explaining this move). You said in your  
campaign: "Read my lips. No new taxes."  
Was this also a lie? Please I urge you  
to read the enclosed articles and see  
how pornography has a terrible effect on  
the crime rate of this nation. I pray  
you will seek God's direction and instead  
of giving the NEA unlimited funds you

will take away all funding.

My prayer also is that you would consider re-hiring Doug Weed and listen to what this man has to say. There are many of us Christians who still have faith in you and your judgements.

I applaud what you are doing in the Iraq/Kuwait affair. I'm just sorry that it had to pull you away from your vacation. I know those times away are much needed and well-deserved. My prayers are with you and your wife.

Sincerely

Mrs. Leslie P. Benson

367 Junear Avenue

Junear, WI 53039



## 'Judgment' is not censorship

By Charley Reese  
The Orlando Sentinel

There's a hullabaloo going on these days about censorship. In today's America, that's the equivalent of Arkansas farmers, standing neck deep in the flood, fretting about a drought. The legal limits of expression are today stretched to the far extremes. Virtually anything is legally sayable or showable or printable no matter how sexually or scatologically explicit. Family newspapers today print what I used to have to order in a plain brown wrapper.

In short, outfits like Waldenbooks and People for the American Way, who would have you believe a great veil of censorship is about to fall on America, are raising a false issue and since these people are not stupid, they must have a reason. I don't know what their motive is and won't speculate.

It will help clear the air, however, if we look at what censorship is and what censorship is not. Censorship is the ability to prevent publication or to punish after publication. The only institution in our country which has that power is government.

Obscenity, which isn't protected speech, has been so narrowly defined by the Supreme Court that stuff has to be bad enough to embarrass a Bangkok pimp to fit the definition. Thus government action is minimal.

Exercising judgment is not censorship. If my boss doesn't wish for a particular column to appear in his newspaper, it won't but that isn't censorship. It's his newspaper and my work product, produced on his time, his equipment and at his expense, belongs to him and must meet his standards.

It's not censorship because he has no power and makes no attempt to control what I might write or say on my own time at my own expense. Similarly the absence of a book on a library or bookstore shelf is not censorship. Everyone has shelf space and budget limits. Obviously, choices have to be made and these choices fall into the category of judgment, not censorship.

Let's suppose that I object to Waldenbooks selling *Playboy* magazines. Well, Waldenbooks has the right to sell *Playboy* and I have an equal right to object. I have a right to express my objection. I have a right to withhold my patronage. And I have a right to organize a boycott.

The boycott is a time-honored, constitutionally protected method

of democratic expression. At any given time, boycotts are being promoted and directed at a variety of businesses and products for a variety of reasons. It's bizarre to argue, as People for the American Way appear to be doing, that boycotting Exxon for spilling oil is OK but boycotting a business for selling a publication you consider obnoxious is somehow an attack against the First Amendment.

The First Amendment guarantees freedom of expression. It does not guarantee public acceptance of expression. Nor does it guarantee commercial success of any particular form of expression. *Playboy* is a commercial enterprise, and whether I boycott a particular retail outlet or not, I have no power to prevent the publication of *Playboy* or punish anyone for selling it or reading it.

The First Amendment does not compel consumers to support any publication they don't like nor does it prevent them from trying to

**Outfits like Waldenbooks and  
People for the American  
Way...are raising a false issue and  
since these people are not stupid,  
they must have a reason.**

undermine its commercial success so long as they do it legally. That's the idea of a boycott. To hurt a business financially and thus induce its owners or managers to make changes. There is no difference, constitutionally, in boycotting grape farmers for not using union pickers and boycotting Waldenbooks for selling girly mags or any other product you don't like.

Finally, it's not censorship if parents try, through their elected school officials, to influence choices made about books used in public education classes. That's called democracy. The First Amendment does not require citizens to accept the judgment of hired public servants even if they are teachers, librarians, or bureaucrats with a God complex.

## Free speech, hold the cheesecake

By Maria Miro Johnson  
The Providence (RI) Journal-Bulletin  
April 5, 1990

I wasn't looking for trouble, just a *New York Times*.

Used to be, I'd pick one up at the newsstand on my way through the Bonanza bus station, maybe get a decaf at Bess Eaton while I was at it. But then the bus station moved. I was forced to adjust my life.

Finding a coffee elsewhere wasn't hard. That's one of the benefits of living in Rhode Island; there's a doughnut shop on every block. But finding a *Times* was tougher. I resigned myself to reading the office copy, which meant I had to be polite and share. Not ripping out recipes, no sending clippings to friends. All the news that's fit to print, and none of the fun.

Then, a few weeks ago, I discovered a little newsstand. From the outside, it looked perfect, just like the old-fashioned kind. I imagined metal racks filled with reliable old dailies and tabloids, and long, sloping shelves holding a whole world of new reading—magazines and journals from everywhere. I imagined myself stopping by in the

morning, then again at lunchtime, just to browse. I felt lucky. I thought, "I must be living right."

So, on the first morning of what I expected would be my happy new routine, I headed right over there. I pulled open the heavy door and glanced around for the stack of the *Times*.

What I saw was stacked, all right, but it was not the *Times*.

I'd call it pornography, except does anybody know the definition? What I saw were pictures of nearly naked women smiling down from the walls.

Standing there, in my clothing (so very much of it), I felt unwelcome—and really embarrassed. I had clearly stumbled into the wrong place.

I could have dealt with the store having a pornography section. (Even the bus station newsstand sold it.) And I could have dealt with the store displaying a sign—even a very large sign—saying, "WE



exploded at the Christian Broadcasting Network offices in Virginia, held many similarities.

But Paul Lyon, an agent for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Fire-arms in North Carolina, hesitated to say they are connected. Lyon said both incidents held sufficient similarities that have caused them to concentrate their investigation in the Fayetteville-Bladen county area.

The first bomb exploded in the interdenominational Lakewood Church in Houston in January and one person was injured. The other one was in a package addressed to Dr. Pat Robertson at the Christian Broadcasting Network in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

It exploded when it was opened by a security guard. That guard was hospitalized with shrapnel wounds in one leg.

The Post Office has sent an alert to hundreds of Christian organizations alerting them to be aware of potential bombs in packages they receive.

### District Attorney shuts down porn channel

Alabama District Attorney Jimmy Evans of Montgomery, has done something which the U.S. Justice Department and the Federal Communications Commission had refused to do—close down two satellite pornography channels.

## Taking the legal high road

By Peggy Coleman, AFA Legal Counsel

There are many times when attorneys are called upon to represent less-than-desirable clients. It is refreshing then, when, as an attorney, you are able to satisfy both your bill collectors and your conscience.

AFA is beginning to present opportunities for attorneys to participate in significant legal battles in their own communities or nationwide. These opportunities will represent intellectually stimulating work and the ability to be on the "right" side.

The first of these opportunities takes the form of the upcoming Continuing Legal Education seminar in St. Louis. If you have not made your reservations, please do so now. As the hard lessons from law school taught, the first key to success in the practice of law is preparation and education. This seminar will bring together practicing constitutional lawyers and attorneys who wish to adequately represent pro-family organizations in their communities.

The second opportunity AFA is presenting to attorneys is one for participation in

cases throughout the nation. The battles for the minds and morals of the family and our children are not won or lost in the halls of Congress. They are fought in the courtrooms of out-of-the-way communities in America. AFA is continually seeking local attorneys who are willing to be a part of the legal team to represent pro-family litigants. If you are an attorney and would like to participate or know of an attorney who would like to become involved, please let us know.

Finally, AFA is expanding its in-house legal staff. We are seeking qualified and committed attorneys who are willing to serve the pro-family movement in this manner. We will represent individuals who have been denied their constitutional rights including religious liberties. We have the opportunity to regain some of the ground that has been lost through years of erosion in the courts.

If you would like more information about any of these opportunities, please write or call the legal department at AFA.

### AFA bumper sticker available

"The American Family: Our National Treasure," is the theme expressed on an attractive new bumper sticker from AFA.

The red, white and blue design is a creative way to express support for AFA and for the institution of the family in our nation. Distributing the bumper stickers is also a good way for local groups to become a visible advocate of the family in their respective communities.

Please order in these quantities:

100 - \$ 17 plus \$2 shipping

500 - \$ 75 plus \$4 shipping

1000 - \$135 plus \$6 shipping

Some local AFA chapters are ordering the bumper stickers to use as a means of raising funds. Send check with order to AFA Bumper Sticker, P. O. Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38803.

## 1990 CHAPTER CONFERENCE

THE AMERICAN FAMILY: OUR NATIONAL TREASURE will be the theme of AFA's 1990 chapter conference. The conference is scheduled for July 27-29, 1990. This year it will be held in the expanded AFA headquarters building in Tupelo, Mississippi. Reduced rate hotel accommodations are available. There will be a minimal registration fee of \$25 which will include one luncheon and one dinner meal.

Registration will begin at 3 P.M. on Friday. The opening session will be at 7 P.M. that evening. We hope many of you will join Rev. Don Wildmon, the AFA staff and guests for this special time of getting acquainted and sharing about the vital work of AFA chapters across the nation.

For more information contact Frances Price in the Chapter Office at (601) 844-5036.

For three years many individuals and groups tried unsuccessfully to get the Justice Department and the FCC to take action against the American Exxxtasy Channel and the Tuxedo Channel. The satellite movie channels were showing hard core pornography. But Justice and the FCC refused to take action.

Evans learned about the porn satellite channels when a grade school teacher in Montgomery took a video tape of hard core pornography from one of her students. The students had been taping the porn movies and passing them around at school.

Evans bought a satellite receiver, recorded the movies, and then took them to a grand jury. He indicted both American Exxxtasy and Tuxedo. He also indicted other companies—General Telephone and Electronics Corp., GTE Spacenet Corp. and U.S. Satellite which provided the satellite services for the porn movies.

Within a matter of days, GTE said they would no longer rent service to the porn movie channels and they were out of business.

The porn movie channels were operated by Paul Klein, a former NBC executive. Klein said he could not fight the charges.

Martin McCaffery, the vice president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, was upset with Evans for enforcing the law. Said McCaffery: "What's happened is that some little small town in the South is setting the standard for the rest of the country."

No, Mr. McCaffery, you are wrong. What's happened is that Jimmy Evans has done what he was elected to do—enforce the law.

If more officials would do that, it would be a better country for all of us.

*Associated Press, 5/3/90*

### Porn magazine involved in rape

A pornographic magazine may help Oklahoma City police identify a knife-wielding man who raped a store clerk while a surveillance camera recorded the assault, authorities said.

Clad only in a T-shirt and biker's cap, the man carried the magazine into a convenience store shortly after 3 a.m. The man then raped the clerk while the store's video camera recorded the attack, said Sgt. Bob Frederickson. Police were able to lift fingerprints from the magazine and a drawing of the suspect was made.

*Associated Press, 3/23/90*

### Porn involved in murders

Two of Larry Wayne Hunt's victims wiped tears from their eyes with hands that once fought the murdering rapist. Two others were not present in Franklin County Common Pleas Court in Columbus, Ohio when Hunt pleaded guilty to their murders.

As the prosecutor read the facts, Hunt, 29, kept his head bowed before the three



judges who will decide whether he lives or dies.

In one indictment, Hunt was charged with felonious assault, attempted rape, aggravated robbery, five counts of rape and two counts of kidnapping. He had attacked two women in separate incidents May 16, 1988. He stabbed the first, then 23, during a rape attempt, and raped the second, then 17, several times. Both women identified Hunt as their attacker.

About a month later, Hunt raped again. That time he killed Gloria Combs, 18, and her husband, Terry, 22. They had been married four months and had befriended Hunt, who lived in the same apartment complex at Woodlake Village Apartments.

Mrs. Combs' body carried 20 stab wounds, her husband's 14. Blood splattered their apartment's walls, floors and a table from an apparent struggle. Fingerprints, shoe prints and blood stains linked Hunt to the crime scene.

One other thing about Larry Wayne Hunt: he had an avid love for pornography. His frequent use of a pornographic phone service caused a dispute that forced Hunt from an apartment he had shared with his sister and brother-in-law.

Telephone records showed Hunt called the pornographic phone service from the Combs' apartment the day he murdered them.

*Columbus Dispatch, 4/6/90*

### Porn involved in child abuse

A Port St. Lucie, Florida, man has been sentenced to 11 years in prison. Wayne Carroll Parks, 43, was found guilty of two counts of lewd behavior and a misdemeanor battery charge. He was sentenced by Circuit Judge Marc Cianca. Prosecutors said Parks likely will spend only three to four years in prison because of early release programs in Florida.

Parks was convicted of charges he showed pornographic movies and exposed himself to two 11-year-old girls.

*Palm Beach Post, 3/13/90*

### Official says United Methodist Church is pro-choice

Ann Craig of the General Board of Global Ministries, Women's Division of The United Methodist Church, recently told *Sojourners* magazine that The United Methodist Church is pro-choice.

Responding to an article in the publication, Ms. Craig said: "David Heim's article states that United Methodists are 'uneasy with a generalized right to abortion.' He quotes our policy: '...we recognize the tragic conflict of life with life that may justify abortion,' but Heim neglects to continue the quoted sentence which is very clear 'that in such cases [we] support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures.'"

"This is our formal corporate record and as such clearly supports a woman's right to a safe abortion. There are a variety of opinions on abortion within the membership of the United Methodist Church and this is reflected in the language of the policy. But the clear support of a woman's right to a legal abortion would not be included if it did not have the overwhelming support of United Methodists. We are compassionate and we are pro-choice."

*Sojourners, 3/90*

### Police seize porn in sexual battery case

Jackson, Mississippi police seized pictures, videotapes and adult magazines in hope of strengthening their case against a Jackson man accused of molesting an 11-year-old boy. Jerry Ronald Wilson, 42, was arrested on a charge of sexual battery.

Wilson is accused of showing child pornography to a Jackson child and later molesting him, said Capt. Larry Wallace of the Juvenile Division of the Jackson Police Department. Wallace said that "There are other young boys involved. The others are between eight and 11."

Authorities began investigating Wilson after the 11-year-old's mother walked into police headquarters and reported her son had been molested. The alleged incidents occurred over three months. The boy said a man had shown him pornographic photo-

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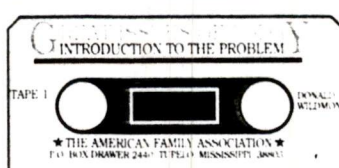
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## Networks increase sex, violence, profanity; top sponsors contacted

Monitoring by Christian Leaders for Responsible Television (CLear-TV) shows that the networks increased the amount of sex, violence and profanity by 30% during 1990 spring sweeps, as compared to last fall.

Dr. Billy A. Melvin, chairman of CLear-TV, said that sex, violence and profanity incidents went from 24.52 per programming hour last fall to 31.87 this spring. The increase follows an approximate 30% decrease last fall. The group

said NBC increased their sex, violence and profanity by 31%, CBS by 17% and ABC by 45%. CLear-TV monitored during the recent April/May sweeps period and found that NBC had 11.78 inci-

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*I don't appreciate having to pay for such filth with my hard earned tax dollars*

## NEA funds 'artist' urinating on photo of Christ

The National Endowment for the Arts gave "artist" John Fleck \$5,000 last year to help fund a performance in which he urinated on a photo of Christ. In his performance, titled "Blessed Are All the Little Fishes", Fleck places a photo of Christ in a toilet bowl and then urinates on it.

Fleck's performance is only the

latest of anti-Christian and pornographic "works of art" which the NEA has helped fund. An Artweek review last year described Fleck as being "known for histrionic operatic vocals, manic energy and flagrant displays of his private parts...He tests the boundaries by turning performance excesses and taboos into cultural

commentary."

In other NEA developments, documents obtained by AFA indicate that, contrary to denials by National Endowment for the Arts officials, the live porn performance by Annie Sprinkle at the Kitchen Theater in New York earlier this year did receive tax support.

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## Circle K porn says Christianity breeds inhumanity

Many individuals do not realize that in addition to the anti-family stance of porn magazines, they also push anti-Christian bigotry. An article in a recent issue of *Penthouse*, sold by Circle K stores throughout the nation, is a vicious attack on Christianity and Christians. Despite requests from literally thousands of concerned individuals and churches, Circle K has refused to discontinue the sale of the porn magazines and their anti-Christian bigotry.

In their August issue, *Penthouse* writer James A. Haught says: "Obviously, people who think religion is a force for good are looking only at Dr. Jekyll and ignoring Mr. Hyde. They don't see the superstitious savagery pervading both history and current events..."

"During the past three centuries, religion gradually lost its power over life in Europe and America, and church horrors ended in the West. But the poison lingered. The Nazi holocaust was rooted in cen-

turies of hate (by the church). Historian Dagobert Runes said that the long era of church persecution killed three and a half million Jews—and Hitler's Final Solution was a secular continuation..."

"Anything that divides people breeds inhumanity. Religion serves that ugly purpose," *Penthouse* said.

*Penthouse* then urged people to call a 900 number and for a fee of \$2 for the first minute and 75¢ for

each additional minute, to confess "a personal horror story about how religion has affected you. Callers can tell their experiences or listen to stories from others."

In addition to the anti-Christian bigotry, the porn magazines sold by Circle K have pushed drug use for years.

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## PORNOGRAPHY

# Scientific studies show pornography's devastating effects on society

By Mike Baxter  
*The New Scientist*  
(A British Journal of Science)

She was a hitchhiker. He was a man away from home on business. The circumstances of the rape were only mildly contested in court and the jurors were in complete agreement on the "guilty" verdict. There was, however, less agreement on what would constitute a fair sentence. As might be expected, women jurors were more severe than men; they suggested a sentence nearly 30 percent longer. **Less expected, and much more insidious, was the effect of pornography on their judgment: men who regularly watched pornographic videos**

### **Pornography with violent imagery does change men's attitudes about sexual aggression towards women.**

**suggested sentences half as long as those of other men.**

Fortunately, this was not a real trial. The jurors were volunteers participating in a re-enactment of a rape trial to test the effects of exposing people to different amounts of pornography. This experiment is one of a growing number of studies which suggest that pornography changes the attitudes and behavior of those who use it. And in the real world, these are not just a few dirty old men in raincoats.

Pornography is big business. So-called "top-shelf" soft-porn magazines will sell over 20 million copies this year in Britain and will be read by about five million people. Several companies in Europe will secure multimillion-pound turnovers on pornographic magazines and videos—a business with an estimated worldwide value of several billion pounds. The "product" in this vast extremes of hard-core pornography are sado-masochism, pedophilia and bestiality. In both American and Australian classifications of pornographic magazines, a quarter of all titles concerned some such form of sexual deviance. Less extreme hard-core pornography portrays petting, intercourse, oral sex and group sex. By far the most widely available and most widely read pornography is the top-shelf group of magazines, such as *Playboy*, *Men Only*, *Fiesta*, *Escort*, *Club International* and *Penthouse*. These portray nudity and include poses and gestures suggestive of sexual acts but do not show any form of sexual contact. Their content has, however, changed over the years. A study by John Rosegrant, an American psychologist, found that between 1971 and 1984, *Playboy* centerfolds have shown a clear increase in both genital explicitness and the incidence of fetish symbols such as whips and bondage equipment. In the early 1970s, most covers of pornographic magazine showed a woman posed alone. By the early 1980s, such covers appeared on only 10 percent of magazines, bondage, group sex and transvestism now feature on almost a third.

A worrying trend is the increasing use of violent imagery in pornography. In 1980, Neil Malamuth, then working at the University of Manitoba, reported that the number of images showing sexual violence in *Playboy* and *Penthouse* pictorials, increased from one in a hundred to five in a hundred between 1973 and 1977. Similarly, Don Smith of Florida State University found that in "adult-only" novels, the average number of rape scenes doubled between 1968 and 1974. And in a recent study of 45 widely available video cassettes, Gloria Cowan at California State University at San Bernardino found that more than half of the sexually explicit scenes were predominantly concerned with the domination or exploitation of women.

Critics of pornography, such as Carolyn Itzin and Corrine Sweet, writing recently in *The Independent*, also claim that pornographic imagery is increasingly concerned with children. This does not, and indeed cannot legally, involve pictures of children, but rather shows women with shaven pubic hair, in children's clothes, such as school uniforms, and in scenes reminiscent of childhood.

To many feminist writers, such material degrades women and has obvious links to rape and child abuse. In their view even soft porn portrays women as objects, reducing them to something available purely for male gratification and without any form of emotional attachment.

The publishers of pornography, meanwhile, maintain that an interest in female nudity and sexuality is normal, healthy and can be educational. In addition, they argue that pornography can provide a vehicle for sexual release, without which marital infidelity, the demand for prostitutes, and sexual assault would increase massively.

In the middle of this highly charged debate, scientists have been trying to answer the central technical question: does pornography change men's attitudes or behavior towards women? For soft-core pornography, the answers have been difficult to find. A short-lived increase in the frequency of sexual activity between married couples was the only behavioral effect reported in two studies, published in the technical report of the U.S. Commission on Obscenity and Pornography in 1971. Several other studies have applied great technical ingenuity to proving beyond doubt that sexy pictures stop being sexy after several viewings. Most studies, however, have failed to find anything harmful in the way that soft-core pornography affects men's attitudes towards women.

One notable exception was an experiment conducted in 1982 by Dolf Zillmann and Jennings Bryant of the University of Indiana. They gave a sample of college students varying levels of exposure—either "massive", "intermediate" or none at all—to explicit pornography which was nonviolent but depicted women in degrading or subordinate roles. In the "massive exposure" group, the students watched a total of four hours 48 minutes of pornographic film over a six-week period.

Following this, the students were asked to do several psychological tests, including the rape trial reenactment described above. Men who

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had not watched the films suggested sentences of seven years 11 months on average, while those in the massive exposure group sentenced the rapist to only four years two months.

The researchers assessed the students' sexual callousness towards women using a questionnaire which included an evaluation of statements such as, "A woman doesn't mean no unless she slaps you", and "A man should find them, fool them, f--k them and forget them." Students in the massive exposure group had significantly higher callousness scores than those who had seen no pornography. Massive exposure also led men to give higher estimates for the proportion of



people who practice group sex, sadomasochism or bestiality and to adopt more liberal attitudes towards the censorship of pornography.

Two other studies by Zillmann and Bryant, published in 1986 and 1988, shed further light on the effects of soft-core porn. They found that prolonged exposure significantly reduced the subjects' sexual satisfaction with their partners. In particular, the subjects exposed to pornography rated their partners' physical appearance, affection, sexual curiosity and sexual performance less favorably than the controls, who had seen no material, and attributed greater importance to having sexual intercourse without emotional involvement.

### **A taste for violence**

In another, more devious experiment, subjects were again exposed to varying amounts of pornography over a six-week period. In the seventh week, they were given a series of psychological tests and were told to expect further tests the following week. When they arrived for the tests they were told there would be a delay because of equipment failure and were shown into a room containing a television and a selection of videos, which varied in content from light entertainment (non-sexual) to hard-core pornography (bondage, sadomasochism and bestiality). During their 15-minute wait, the use of each video was electronically logged. Those students who had previously experienced massive exposure to soft-core pornography were more likely to view the hard-core porn videos.

Studies on the effects of hard-core pornography have been much more consistent in their findings. The main conclusion is simple: pornography with violent imagery does change men's attitudes about sexual aggression towards women. For instance, studies by Malamuth have shown that watching a brief video of violent pornography increases the subsequent number of rape fantasies that a man has and lessens the extent to which a rape victim is judged to have suffered. Edward Donnerstein at the University of Wisconsin demonstrated that exposure to hard-core porn increases the attempts of male subjects to inflict "experimental" aggression on a woman accomplice who was deliberately annoying before the showing of the video. More prolonged exposure to such material tends to make men enjoy the videos more. It can even make them think that the films are less violent than they had previously thought.

But different portrayals of sexual violence have dramatically different effects, and not all people react in the same way to pornography. Early studies of people's reactions to violent pornography, conducted during the 1970s, produced mixed results: some studies showed that the material resulted in strong sexual arousal, whereas others showed none. In some cases, there was evidence of disgust and revulsion. Later studies by Malamuth, at the University of California at Los Angeles in 1982, discovered that the viewer's response depends on the way in which the sexual violence is portrayed. He found that sexual arousal is inhibited by pornography that emphasizes the abnormality of the sexual act or the suffering experienced by the woman. But equally violent pornography is highly sexually arousing if the woman is shown to enjoy, or at least end up enjoying what had happened to her.

This effect, called disinhibition, has an extremely potent influence on male attitudes and behavior. One example comes from Mala-

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muth's study of students at the University of Manitoba in 1981. The researchers asked them to sign up for what were apparently two separate experiments. The first was a study of films' certificate ratings in which the subjects were asked to watch two films on consecutive evenings. Half the students were shown films with scenes that contained sexual violence against women but which produced a

positive response from the victims. The other students watched neutral films, with no violent scenes. The second study, conducted several days later, was a survey of sexual attitudes with questions about sexual violence embedded in it. The results showed that exposure to the sexually violent films increased male students' acceptance of "rape myths"—for instance, that women actually enjoy being raped—and also made them more accepting of violence against women in general.

The finding that different people respond in different ways to pornography came from another study by Malamuth. He showed that the male population can be divided into those who say they might commit rape if they could be assured of not being caught and punished, and those who say they would not. Alarming, his findings revealed that 30 percent of men admitted to some likelihood of raping

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women: the researchers called them the "LR" group. A further 30 percent admitted some likelihood of using some force to coerce a woman into sexual acts. This leaves only two in every five men who claim they would never engage in sexual violence. In response to pornography, LR men are less inhibited by violent imagery than other men. Indeed, several studies have now reported that LR men find depictions of rape significantly more arousing than depictions of sex where both partners consent.

Researchers have not overlooked the fact that these arguments could be circular: that is, exposure to violent pornography may make men more aggressive, but aggressive men may find violent pornography more attractive in the first place. There is not sufficient evidence at present either to support or refute this possibility, although a recent Canadian survey by Dano Demare at the University of Winnipeg in 1988 found that men who were classed as LR did report using violent pornography more than average.

We can conclude, however, that certain types of violent pornography worsen the attitudes of certain types of men. At the extreme, LR men who had been shown a video of a rape in which the women ended up aroused came to believe that one in every three women would actually enjoy being raped.

The obvious prediction from this, and the acid test of all the research, is that pornography should increase the incidence of sexually violent crimes against women. Case studies and anecdotal evidence tend to support this prediction. In 1987 and 1988, two studies of a total of more than 130 convicted rapists and child molesters have found that most used pornography while preparing to commit an offense. Another study, by researchers at York University in Toronto in 1987, reported that 39 percent of battered women had at some time been upset by their partners trying to get them to do what they had seen portrayed in pornographic material.

The first attempt to test the prediction that pornography promotes sexual violence was published in 1971 by Berl Kutchinsky, a criminologist at the University of Copenhagen. The data seemed to disprove the prediction: after the legislation on pornography in Denmark was liberalized, pornography became more widely available, but the incidence of sex crimes decreased. This study continues to be quoted as the authoritative evidence, but researchers began to question the data only two years later, by Victor Bachy of the University of Louvain in Belgium. The main problem was that sex



crimes had not changed uniformly. Minor crimes such as indecent exposure and "peeping" did indeed fall, but serious crimes such as rape and attempted rape increased, at least for a few years after pornography became more widely available.

In Australia, the federal government has tended to relax its controls on pornography since 1970. Different states have, however, implemented these changes to varying extents and, as a result, have unwittingly conducted an interesting experiment on the effect of pornography. Queensland, the most conservative state, has maintained the strictest controls on pornography and has a comparatively low rate of rape reports. By contrast, South Australia, the most liberal state in relation to pornography, has seen escalating reports of rape since the early 1970s.

A more complex study in the U.S., by Larry Baron and his colleagues at the University of New Hampshire in 1984, attempted to plot the circulation figures of pornographic magazines in different

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states against the incidence of rape reports. The researchers found a strong relationship: on average, every increase of two percent in the circulation of pornography was linked to a one percent increase in the incidence of rape reports.

It would be a mistake to think that any of this criminology data proves that pornography makes men rape women. Correlated trends between two sets of data may be caused by some so-far undetected third factor. For example, young people tend to read more pornography and commit more rapes than older people, and so differences in the age structure of populations in different states might explain both the Australian and American results. In fact, this particular theory was tested in the American study using a statistical

technique known as multiple regression, and was found to be irrelevant. But the possibility remains that any number of social or cultural factors could be the actual cause of the apparent relationship between pornography and rape.

It would, however, be an equally serious mistake to dismiss research on pornography as inconclusive and so irrelevant. The weight of evidence is accumulating that intensive exposure to soft-core pornography desensitizes men's attitude to rape, increases sexual callousness and shifts their preferences towards hard-core pornography. Similarly, the evidence is now strong that exposure to violent pornography increases men's acceptance of rape myths and of violence against women. It also increases men's tendencies to be aggressive towards women and is correlated with the reported incidence of rape. Many sex offenders claim they used pornography to stimulate themselves before committing their crimes.

Few of these conclusions could stand alone without qualification or without being challenged by some inconsistency in the experimental evidence. Each one, however, is supported by at least one significant experimental result and, as Zillmann and Bryant have pointed out, these have greater scientific credibility than the inconsistencies. Anomalous findings can be the result of poor experimental design as well as genuine underlying inconsistencies.

Taking all the current evidence together, I question whether the British government's policy, established by the Williams Committee on pornography in 1979, is still valid. The committee concluded: "It is still possible to say...that there does not appear to be any strong evidence that exposure to sexually explicit material triggers off antisocial sexual behavior." Earlier this year, David Mellor, the Home Office minister, commissioned two researchers, Guy Cumberbatch of Aston University, and Dennis Howitt of Loughborough University to "review the available research on the effects of pornography." They are due to report their findings to the Home Office, "sometime later this year." Meanwhile, a group of Labor MPs headed by Dawn Primarolo has launched a new anti-pornography campaign that aims to ban the sale of "soft-core" magazines at high street retailers.

Do we still know too little about the effects of pornography to seek to control it? I argue that there must come a time when the demand for conclusive proof gives way to "evidence beyond reasonable doubt."

### Pornography finds more victims

In LaRue County, Kentucky, 40-year-old Phillip Clopton, a repeat rapist, sex offender and avid pornography fan, was recently shot to death by a 15-year-old girl he had tied to a tree for three weeks and repeatedly raped and performed unnatural acts on. The girl managed to free herself and shoot him with his gun.

Clopton had a history of such behavior. In 1979, after spending several hours in his trailer having dinner and watching television with a young Army private, Clopton pulled out a gun, raped and performed unnatural acts on the woman, forcing her to perform acts depicted in pornographic posters which were affixed to his ceiling. Clopton was arrested but freed on property bond in three days.

Eight months later he and three other men abducted and sexually assaulted his ex-wife, taking snapshots of her in indecent positions. He then forced her to sign a release for a men's magazine and vowed to send the pictures to her family and church if she reported the crime.

Clopton held a series of jobs, one of them as a typesetter trainee at APL Graphics, Inc., in Louisville. He was fired after eight months for failing to do his work and for violating an employment agreement by inviting a female colleague to watch "porno and chain-saw massacre movies."

*Courier Journal, 6/3/90*

### Christian newspaper banned in Florida

Seminole County, Florida, students failed recently to win a temporary restraining order that would have allowed them to distribute a Christian newspaper banned by high school officials.

Ned Julian, Jr., an attorney representing the Seminole County school board, said the court denied the request which means that this issue is a matter to be determined by the court upon a later proceeding.

An attorney for the students filed suit in U.S. District Court in Orlando recently challenging a school policy that prohibits the distribution of such material by students. Students want to distribute the newspaper in

two high schools.

Jay Sekulow, general counsel for Christian Advocates Serving Evangelism, a Christian rights group in Atlanta said, "We need to seek First Amendment rights of freedom of expression."

*Charlotte Sun Herald, 5/19/90*

### Pornography involved in crime

Law enforcement officials in Curry County, New Mexico, recently arrested a county resident for molesting seven teenage boys over a number of years, one as young as 11. Once again they found pornography.

Dennis Baker, 46, was charged with seven counts of criminal sexual penetration of a minor and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Each of seven teenagers involved was able to give the name of a subsequent victim.

His seventh victim, a 15-year-old, told police that Baker brought him some beer and took him to his home where Baker showed him pornographic videotapes and magazines and tried to molest him.

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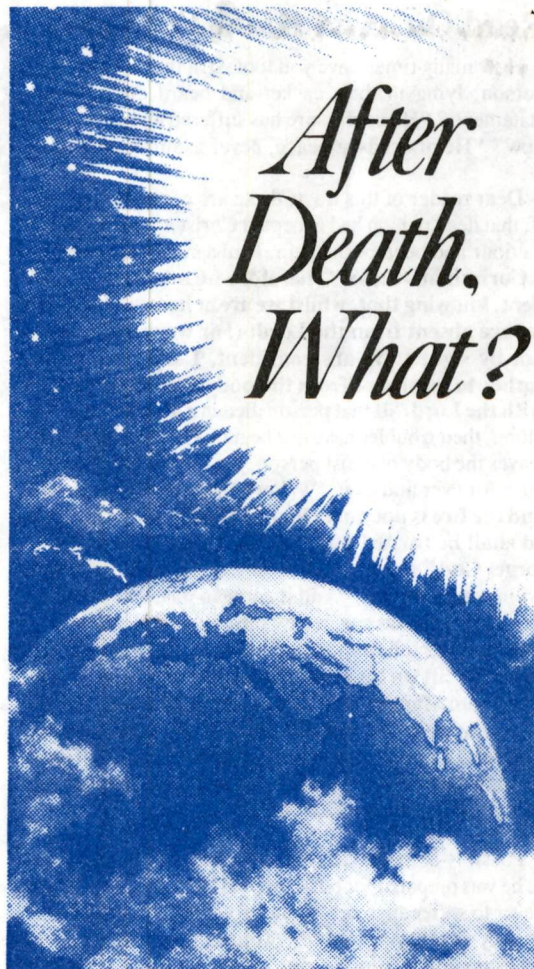
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Dear reader of this tract, these are correct statements if, that dead person had accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour and been born again. Paul said of a Christian in **2 Corinthians 5:6-8** **"Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."** If that person died in a lost spiritual condition, their troubles have just begun. The second that soul leaves the body of a lost person, it goes directly to hell to burn for ever and ever. **"Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."** Mark 9:44. **"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."** Psalms 9:17. Hear the voice of the rich man crying out from hell, **"And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."** Luke 16:22-24.

Possibly someone looked at the face of this rich man, as he was prepared for burial and said how he was at peace, never to suffer anymore. How wrong their statement was. As they were saying beautiful words over his body, his soul was screaming from the pits of hell. Suffering does not

end at death for a lost person. Ten million years into eternity and they are still burning. If you are spiritually lost and die in that condition, then you too will be doomed to a burning hell.

You might ask, what must I do to escape this torment in hell? The answer is the same one that Jesus gave to Nicodemus. **"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."** John 3:3. As you were born physically, you must be born spiritually to reach the portals of heaven. **"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."** John 14:6.

You are not promised another day on this earth. Tomorrow might be too late. Now is the time to do something about your lost condition. **"(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"** 2 Corinthians 6:2.

While there is life in your body, won't you right now repent of your sins and call upon Jesus Christ to come into your heart and save your soul? **"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."** Romans 10:13. **"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"** John 1:12.

The decision is yours. Where will your soul be while they are preaching your funeral?

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## **Sex crimes decrease as porn outlets close**

Does pornography cause sex crimes? In 1984, there were at least 163 sex-related businesses in Oklahoma City. Forty-two were prostitution rings listed as escort services in the Yellow Pages. Since efforts to close down pornography outlets and prostitution rings in Oklahoma City began in 1984, over 150 sex-related businesses have been shut down and prostitution has declined sharply. According to the FBI's 1989 Uniform Crime Report, rape was down in Oklahoma County 26%. In the rest of the state, where no similar effort has been made, the rate increased 20.8%.

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