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EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT IS DANGEROUS TO WOMEN!!!

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Most people think the Equal Rights Amendment (E.R.A.) means equal pay, jobs and education for women, but these areas are already covered by existing laws and the E.R.A. will have NO EFFECT on them! Instead, under the guise of "equality," the E.R.A., at either a state or federal level, seeks to strip from women the many privileges traditionally granted to women by law. To find out why E.R.A. should really be termed a *Loss of Rights Amendment*, check the facts! And the facts are

ALL IT TAKES FOR EVIL
TO TRIUMPH IS FOR GOOD
MEN TO DO NOTHING!

E.R.A. WILL HURT WIVES!

Before E.R.A. reared its ugly head, every one of the 50 states legally required a husband to support his wife. Constitutional scholar Prof. Paul Freund of Harvard Law School points out that the E.R.A. will be contrary to all these state laws by making a husband liable for support of his wife ONLY IF SHE IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT HERSELF! (Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, March 1971)

Already, the effects of E.R.A. on wives can be seen in Colorado, where under a state E.R.A., the law that required a husband to support his wife and family was declared unconstitutional!

Texas, too, has felt the effects of its state E.R.A. In 1972, H.B. 784 was introduced in the Texas legislature for the purpose of conforming Texas laws to the E.R.A. This bill would have required a husband to support a wife ONLY IF SHE WAS UNABLE TO SUPPORT HERSELF! H.B. 784 passed committee but was never voted on in the House. However, this change will have to be made under a state or federal E.R.A. once our present law is tested in a Court.

E.R.A. WILL MAKE WOMEN SUBJECT TO THE DRAFT AND COMBAT DUTY!

The position of both the Justice Dept. and the Defense Dept, is that women will be subject to the draft under E.R.A. (Congressional Record, March 22, 1972) "Deferment policy could provide that one, but not both, of the parents would be deferred." (Yale Law Journal, April 1971)

Even though the draft has been temporarily suspended, it can be reactivated at any time. Rep. F. Edward Herbert, Chairman of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee, predicts that the draft will be reinstated within 3 years. If E.R.A. is in effect, both males and females will be drafted. "Women will serve in all kinds of units, and they will be eligible for combat duty." (Yale Law Journal, April 1971) WACs at Fort McClellan, Ala. are already being trained in weapons and combat!

"Even if segregation of living quarters and facilities were allowed under the Amendment, during combat duty in the field there are often, in effect, no facilities at all, and privacy for both sexes might be impossible to provide or enforce." (General Counsel for Defense Dept., J. Fred Buzhardt) Fort Dix, N.J. has recently begun sexually integrating its barracks!

E.R.A. WILL FINALIZE ABORTION ON DEMAND!

Even with the 1973 Supreme Court ruling legalizing abortion, the states are allowed to somewhat regulate or prohibit abortions. Under E.R.A., these remaining state anti-abortion laws would not be legal, since they are obviously designed on the basis of sex. (Dean Clarence Manion, formerly of Notre Dame Law School)

That Supreme Court decision can now be legally changed in any one of several ways, such as a change in the Court, Congressional action, etc. But the E.R.A. will make permanent and finalize abortion on demand. "It is the hope of the abortionists that E.R.A. will put into the Constitution what they now have only by a split Supreme Court decision." (Prof. Joseph Witherspoon, Texas U. Law School)

E.R.A. WILL LEGALIZE HOMOSEXUAL "MARRIAGES"!

All states have laws prohibiting marriage between persons of the same sex. Because these laws clearly discriminate on the basis of the sex of one of the partners, these laws will be overturned by E.R.A. "The stringent requirements of the proposed Amendment argue strongly for removal of this stigma by granting marriage licenses to homosexual couples . . ." (Yale Law Journal, January 1973) Agreeing with this conclusion is constitutional authority Prof. Paul Freund.

And if these couples "marry," will they not be eligible to adopt children, as are normal married couples? After all, denying adoption to couples because "Mommy" is a male, is clearly a discrimination based on sex, and thus would be illegal under E.R.A.! A Minnesota couple, both male, have applied to several adoption agencies for a child; to date their applications have not been refused!

E.R.A. WILL ELIMINATE SEPARATE SCHOOL RESTROOMS FOR MALES AND FEMALES!

Just as racially segregated schools and restrooms were outlawed as a discrimination based on race, so sexually separate public schools and restrooms will have to end. (Prof. Phil Kurland, Editor Supreme Court Review)

Those who favor E.R.A. claim that a Constitutional "Right of Privacy" will prevent this from happening. But the word "privacy" never appears in the Constitution! Those for E.R.A. quote the "young but fully recognized Right of Privacy" established in the 1965 ruling, Griswold vs. Connecticut. However, this case dealt, not with restrooms, but with birth control used by married couples! The Attorney General of Virginia stated that this Court decision dealt with the sanctity of the marital relationship and nothing more!

Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart says, "I can find no such general right of privacy in the Bill of Rights, in any other part of the Constitution, or in any case ever decided by this Court."

Texas H.B. 784, previously mentioned, also involved this issue, as it would have eliminated the provision for a "women only" restroom in county Commissioners Court and provided for a "custodian" (which can be of either sex), rather than a matron as is now required.

It can't happen? The U.S. Dept. of Labor is preparing to abolish the federal requirement that employers provide separate toilet facilities for men and women. (Woman Constitutionalist newspaper, January 13, 1973)

E.R.A. WILL CHANGE SEX-CRIME LAWS!

Many sex-crime laws are based on the ideal of protecting women from predatory males. These laws will be outlawed under E.R.A.! "Seduction laws, statutory rape laws, laws prohibiting obscene language in the presence of women . . . The Equal Rights Amendment would not permit such laws, which base their classification . . . on social stereotypes." (Yale Law Journal, April 1971)

Again, we see changes called for in Texas through H.B. 784. This bill, written to conform Texas laws to a state E.R.A., would have removed as an aggravated assault-or-battery crime the act of an adult male committing serious bodily injury to a female!

E.R.A. WILL INTERFERE WITH CHURCH DOCTRINE!

Because churches and their affiliated institutions enjoy a tax-exempt status granted by the federal government, churches can be subject to the E.R.A. Thus, any church whose beliefs include not ordaining women as ministers or priests may lose its tax-exempt status unless it changes its policies and violates its doctrines! (State Rep. Larry Vick, Houston attorney and former minister)

Those who want E.R.A. claim that the "separation of church and state" doctrine will prevent this from happening. But a basic premise of Constitutional law is, "The most recent constitutional amendment takes precedence over all other sections of the Constitution with which it is inconsistent." (Sam Ervin, Jr., former U.S. Senator and noted constitutional attorney) Thus, E.R.A. could nullify the "separation of church and state" doctrine! Already, a law suit is threatened against their church by women whose ordination as priests is not recognized by the Episcopal Church!

E.R.A. WILL HURT SCHOOLS!

No public school will be allowed to operate for boys only or for girls only under E.R.A. Neither will any private or church-supported school which receives any federal funds. Even private schools which do not take federal money but have a tax-exempt status will be threatened! Bob Jones University of Greenville, S.C., for example, recently lost its tax-exempt status for alleged discriminations, even though BJU is totally privately funded! Now it must pay taxes on its buildings and land, and donations to BJU are no longer tax-deductible for the donors!

High schools, colleges and universities will be required under E.R.A. to provide equal athletic opportunities and facilities for males and females. This may well mean the end of intercollegiate sports as we know them! "There is no way that we can provide . . . equal programs for men and women in intercollegiate athletics without eliminating a major portion of the existing programs. We simply do not have the funds to do both." (Phillip Shriver, President, Miami of Ohio Univ.) Already, Texas A&I University has been forced to eliminate badminton and gymnastics!

E.R.A. WILL NOT HELP DIVORCED WOMEN!

Most courts now award custody of children to the mother, unless she is unfit. But E.R.A. will change this custom. "In 90% of custody cases, the mother is awarded the custody. The Equal Rights Amendment would prohibit both statutory and common law presumptions about which parent was the proper guardian based on the sex of the parent." (Yale Law Journal, April 1971)

E.R.A. WILL NOT HELP WORKING WOMEN!

There are many existing federal and state laws which require equal jobs, pay, training and promotions for women. A few of these are:

- (1) The Civil Rights Act
 - (2) The Equal Opportunities Act
 - (3) The Equal Pay Act
 - (4) The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act
- Etc., etc., etc.

E.R.A. will do nothing in the areas of jobs, pay, training or promotions. Even its chief sponsor in the U.S. House, Representative Martha Griffiths, admits this!

E.R.A. will, however, wipe out protective labor legislation which protects the working woman from being exploited. Those who favor E.R.A. try to say that protective laws will be extended to men also, but the facts show otherwise! For example, in California, the Bank of America was giving taxi rides to its female employees who had to work after dark. This was a thoughtful gesture to protect the women against rapes, muggings, etc. A state court ruled that the bank was discriminating against male employees. Rather than give a similar but unnecessary service to men, the Bank stopped the taxi rides for women!

E.R.A. IS UNNECESSARY!

In addition to the many laws already mentioned which deal with jobs, pay, etc., every person in this country is protected by the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which requires due process of the law for all.

Those who favor E.R.A. try to claim that the 14th Amendment has not been used and so E.R.A. is needed, but again the facts prove them wrong! The 14th Amendment has been used many times in the last few years to give women their full legal rights in such areas as jobs, jury duty, administering estates, educational opportunities criminal liabilities, etc. There is no legal right that women do not now have which E.R.A. can give them. But E.R.A. will definitely jeopardize women's privileges under the law!

E.R.A. IS CHANGING TEXAS LAWS!

As we have shown in several examples from H.B. 784, the E.R.A. will bring about drastic changes in Texas laws. Even though the state E.R.A. has been in effect for two years, its full effects have yet to be seen, for few, if any, cases have been taken to court to test the laws. Yet, some changes have occurred. For instance, Texas Attorney General John Hill ruled in November, 1974, that due to E.R.A., a married woman in Texas does not have to use her husband's name legally. This bears out the prediction of the Yale Law Journal, April 1971.

The new Texas Family Code has made a wife subject to imprisonment if she fails to support her necessitous husband. Before E.R.A., only a husband was thus punishable!

As other laws are thrown out by the Courts or changed by the legislature to conform with E.R.A., many more changes can be expected if E.R.A. remains in effect in Texas!

E.R.A. IS SCARY - BUT THESE AREN'T SCARE TACTICS!

Those who favor E.R.A. have been very critical of those who oppose this dangerous Amendment. They have, for example, accused us of using scare tactics. While most people are upset when they find out what E.R.A. really means, these facts are thoroughly documented and to call them "scare tactics" is simply an attempt by those who want E.R.A. to smear those who do not want these radical changes. Smear tactics like these have been used for years: When you are weak on the facts, attack your opponent! That pretty well summarizes the smear tactics of those who favor E.R.A.!

E.R.A. CAN BE REPEALED!

If 38 states ratify the federal E.R.A. it will become the 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. 33 states have approved E.R.A., but Nebraska and Tennessee have since rescinded (repealed) their ratifications. Texas can too!

"Clearly a state can change its mind either way before the amendment is officially declared to be ratified." (Prof. Charles Black, Jr., Yale Law School)

"... I have a great deal of respect for Prof. Black and if he said that the State can withdraw its approval of the amendment, then I assume the State can." (David Kendall, Texas Attorney General Executive Assistant)

WILL E.R.A. BECOME LAW?

Only YOU can decide that. If you do not want the dangerous Equal Rights Amendment, write your State Senator and Representative TODAY and ask them to vote to rescind E.R.A. The Women Libbers have convinced the state legislators that the small noisy minority who is pushing for E.R.A. represents the majority of American women. Only if YOU and many of your friends write, call or talk with your state legislators will they realize that E.R.A. is NOT what most women want! YOU and I must make our voices heard: write your State Senator and Representatives NOW!!! The responsibility to stop E.R.A. rests with YOU!!!

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