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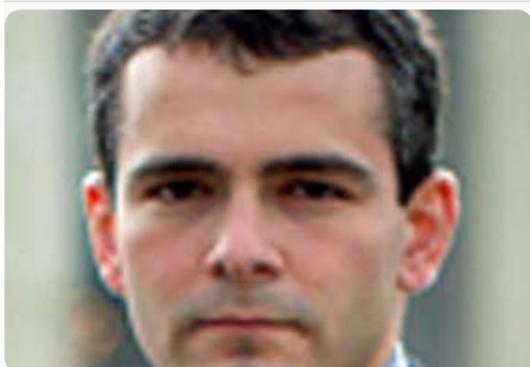
## InterVarsity and Religious Freedom Prevail

Breakpoint podcast commentary

*October 07, 2019*

Just about the only groups the policy applied to, according to university officials, were Christian groups that uphold traditional Christian teaching about sexuality. Rose made her opinion about that quite clear: “The Constitution does not tolerate the way defendants chose to enforce the human rights policy.” She correctly identified the double standard clearly at work, which can be summed up as “some freedom of speech and association is freer than others.”

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## What’s at Stake in Supreme Court’s ‘Sex Discrimination’ Case

Daily Signal commentary by Ryan T.

Anderson

*October 07, 2019*

This week, the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in cases that ask whether Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bans employment discrimination on the basis of sex, extends to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and transgender status. It’s an odd legal argument, given that the public meaning of the word “sex” in 1964—and today, for that matter—refers to our status as male or female, not our sexual attractions, desires, actions, or identity.

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## Podcast: The Sexual Revolution, Identity Politics, and Religious Liberty

Breakpoint

*October 07, 2019*

She is the author of an important new book, “Primal



Screams: How the Sexual Revolution Created Identity Politics. Mary Eberstadt recently spoke with The Colson Center's John Stonestreet about the book and about identity politics, the sexual revolution, as well as religious liberty

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## National poll: Faith-based health professionals care for all but need conscience protections on moral issues

Freedom2Care blog post by Jonathan Imbody

*October 01, 2019*

Faith-based health professionals care with compassion and respect for all patients, but they will leave medicine rather than violate their conscience if forced to participate in morally objectionable procedures and prescriptions. I recently delivered that message from our members, based on a professionally conducted poll, at the White House to the President's advisors; at the U.S. Capitol to Congressional staffers; at a U.S. House of Representatives office to legislators and staffers; and at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to agency officials.

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## AUL releases 2019 State Legislative Sessions Report

Americans United for Life

*September 30, 2019*

Americans United for Life is pleased to release its 2019 State Legislative Sessions Report, an Annual Report on Government Affairs from America's leader in life-affirming law and policy. So far in 2019, 58 life-affirming laws passed and were signed into law across 22 states, representing a more than 25% increase from 2018.

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## In UN Speech, Trump Announces New Religious Freedom Initiatives

Christianity Today

*September 23, 2019*

Seeking international consensus on religious freedom, he called out Iran, Iraq, China, Venezuela, and Nicaragua for



their violations and mentioned the terrorist tragedies that struck down Jews in Pittsburgh, Muslims in New Zealand, and Christians in Sri Lanka.

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## President, U.S. leaders advocate at U.N. for international religious freedom

White House

September 23, 2019

Video starts at 30-minute mark.

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## No, Betsy DeVos's Trip to a Catholic Elementary School Is Not a Scandal

National Review commentary by John Hirschauer

September 23, 2019

"Accommodating" elementary-school students who have undergone a "sex change procedure" — which necessarily presumes that the child has, in some meaningful way, changed sexes — cedes the premise that sex is fungible, giving it an institutional sanction that inevitably confuses Catholic schoolchildren on the Church's position, to say nothing of the harm done to the elementary schoolchildren given to the premise that such mutilation is a normal or healthy means of dealing with feelings that, research indicates, between 65 and 94 percent of them will grow out of by adulthood.

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## A California Court Dealt a Blow to Religious Liberty. It's Time for SCOTUS to Act.

National Review commentary by David French

September 20, 2019

Yesterday, the California Court of Appeals issued a truly remarkable opinion in a truly remarkable case. It held that a Catholic hospital could indeed face legal liability for failing to perform a hysterectomy

as part of a female-to-male “transition” — even though its policy broadly bans sterilization surgery generally (not just for trans individuals) and even though the hospital referred the patient to a non-Catholic facility in the same network.

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## Doctors & Nurses Say 'They'll Quit' if Forced to Violate Their Beliefs

CBN

*September 18, 2019*

"Right of conscience is the freedom to practice health care in accordance with your deeply-held religious, moral or ethical convictions," explained Dr. David Stevens, CEO emeritus of the Christian Medical Association.

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## Poll: Americans Support Conscience Protection for Healthcare Professionals

USCCB

*September 18, 2019*

Two new polls have revealed widespread discrimination against healthcare workers of faith, as well as broad public support for conscience rights laws and protections. The findings were released today by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committees on Pro-Life Activities; Religious Liberty; Domestic and Social Development; and the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage, as well as the Christian Medical & Dental Associations (CMDA), the largest faith-based association for healthcare professionals.

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## Florist Hopes Supreme Court Will Affirm Her Right to Turn Down Order for Gay Wedding

Daily Signal

*September 13, 2019*

In June, the Washington state Supreme Court again ruled against Barronelle Stutzman, a businesswoman and great-grandmother who has said her faith did not allow her to contribute her talents to a regular customer's wedding to another man. "Barronelle serves and hires people from all walks of life," Kristen Waggoner, senior vice president of the U.S. legal division of Alliance Defending Freedom, said Wednesday in a written statement.

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## AUL testifies against “End-of-Life Options Act”

Americans United for Life testimony by Katie Glenn

*September 12, 2019*

I have thoroughly reviewed H.F. 2152, and it is my opinion that the Act places already-vulnerable persons at even greater risk, fails to protect the integrity and ethics of the medical profession, and goes against the prevailing consensus that states have a duty to protect life.

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## Is American Christianity on Its Last Legs? The Data Say Otherwise.

Christianity Today

*September 12, 2019*

Analyzing these data, Richardson finds that many unchurched Americans think well of Christians and are open to engaging matters of faith.

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## The bullying of conservatives at college needs to end

Daily Signal commentary by Kay Cole James

*September 09, 2019*

The polling also shows that, despite the fact that so many students feel they can't speak up, 46% are still inclined to eliminate free speech on campus in favor of promoting an “inclusive and welcoming society.” That's a frightening statistic.

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## Trump Should Use UN Meeting to Champion Religious Liberty

Daily Signal commentary by James Carafano

*September 06, 2019*

Some nations have promoted “blasphemy laws,” which are little more than cover for suppressing free speech and religious toleration, others an anti-Israel agenda that looks like little more than blatant anti-Semitism. Meanwhile, an ocean of real-world oppression has been inadequately addressed, from the persecution of Christians in the Middle East to the horrors perpetrated on the Rohingya people in Myanmar and the imprisonment of Uighurs in China.

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## Pro-Life Group Sends Cease-and-Desist Letters to YouTube, Pinterest Alleging Censorship



## National Review

*September 06, 2019*

"It is truly sad and disheartening that in a society built on the principles of freedom of speech and assembly companies like YouTube and Pinterest, who clearly benefit from these first principles of American culture, are engaging in not-so-subtle tactics to suppress speech with which they disagree," Lila Rose, Live Action's founder and president said in a statement.

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## Government Shouldn't Force Teachers to Use Transgender Pronouns

Daily Signal commentary by Nicole Russell

*September 05, 2019*

This raises the question, especially amid changing Trump administration policies that revised the way the Obama administration interpreted Title IX: Should the federal government, in any of its capacities, including public education, force teachers or school administrators to use preferred pronouns?

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## Woke Capitalism Targets Religious Freedom

Breakpoint commentary podcast

*September 04, 2019*

The main strategy comes by weaponizing so-called "hate group lists." Once groups like ADF are designated as "hate groups" by the Southern Poverty Law Center, corporations are pressured to cut ties with any and all organizations that bear the scarlet "H."

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## Why This Christian T-Shirt Printer Has Unlikely LGBT Allies

Daily Signal commentary by Jim Campbell

*September 03, 2019*

If Adamson doesn't have the right to decline messages, neither does a lesbian printer who receives a request from a religious group for a shirt promoting a rally opposing same-sex marriage. Nor does a Democratic graphic designer if asked to create fliers for a Republican rally, or a pro-abortion advertising agency asked to develop a campaign for a pro-life group.

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## Cutbacks hit health clinics that lost federal dollars over Trump abortion rules

Politico news story (a.k.a. editorial)

September 03, 2019

**Jonathan Imbody**, vice president for government relations at the Christian Medical Association, which represents Christian health professionals, told POLITICO that he's confident there won't be gaps in care. "They won't be missed," he said. "Able and ready to serve Title X patients are thousands of federally qualified health centers and other nonprofit clinics across the country that provide much more comprehensive, compassionate care than does abortion-focused Planned Parenthood."

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## DNC Resolution Celebrates Religiously Unaffiliated

Daily Signal

August 30, 2019

The Democratic National Committee passed a resolution at its summer meeting championing "religiously unaffiliated" voters, who the resolution noted are the "largest religious group" within the party. The resolution also takes a shot at deeply religious voters, who are accused of using their religious beliefs to oppress other groups.

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## HHS: Vermont Medical Center Unlawfully Forced a Nurse to Assist in Abortion

U.S. Dept. Health and Human Services news release

August 28, 2019

The nurse had expressed an objection for many years and was included in a list of objectors, but UVMMC knowingly assigned the nurse to an abortion procedure. The nurse was not told the procedure was an abortion until the nurse walked into the room....

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## A Win for Free Speech and Conscience Rights

Breakpoint podcast commentary by John Stonestreet

August 27, 2019

"Because the First Amendment allows the Larsens to choose when to speak and what to say, we reverse their decision." How's that for judicial clarity?

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## Fighting Assisted Suicide, Jersey Style

Breakpoint commentary by John Stonestreet

*August 26, 2019*

No matter how often advocates paint physician-assisted suicide and abortion as “compassionate” care, many doctors rightfully want nothing to do with them. This leaves the dilemma of to what degree unwilling physicians should be coerced to participate.

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