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## Family Policy Brief

### The Yogyakarta Principles Promote Sexual Anarchy and Threaten the Family

Grandly calling themselves “The International Commission of Jurists and the International Service for Human Rights” and defining themselves as “experts,” a group of 30 homosexual activists came together in Yogyakarta, Indonesia in November of 2006 to create *The Yogyakarta Principles on the Application of International Human Rights Law in Relation to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity*. (Found at [www.yogyakartaprinciples.org](http://www.yogyakartaprinciples.org))

These “experts” claim that “*The Yogyakarta Principles reflect the existing state of international human rights law in relation to issues of sexual orientation and gender identity,*” and that they “*affirm binding international legal standards with which all States must comply.*”

As you will see, if these principles were accepted as international or national policies, they would clearly undermine the family in many ways. Yet the process to do this has already started. Recently, the United Nations Human Rights Council was encouraged to adopt them to frame future debate on sexual orientation and gender identity.

**All Forms of Sexual Expression Declared a “Human Right”** -- The Yogyakarta Principles begin by declaring that “*Sexual orientation and gender identity are integral to every person’s dignity and humanity and must not be the basis for discrimination or abuse.*” They further assert that the expression of one’s “*sexual orientation*” or “*gender identity*” is a “*human right*” and therefore States cannot limit the expression of sexuality or sexual preferences. If accepted, where would it lead? For one thing, it is clear that it would mean that any laws conferring benefits on marriage between a man and a woman would be considered discriminatory under The Principles.

**Sexual Anarchy** -- Nations across the world are beginning to pass special protections based on sexual orientation without fully realizing what they are doing. Although most people think of homosexuality when they see the term “sexual orientation,” it is essential to understand that the definition of sexual orientation is not just limited to homosexuality. It is a Trojan Horse for all sorts of deviant sexual orientation and behavior. According to the American Psychological Association, the term also includes a total of 23 others including bisexuality, transgenderism, pedophilia, voyeurism, bestiality, and others too bizarre to name here.

**Eliminating Sexual Norms and Redefining Gender Roles** -- The Yogyakarta Principles do not just go after laws and policies, they are also intended to apply to customs and cultures by mandating that “*States must take measures to seek to eliminate prejudices and customs based on the idea of the inferiority or the superiority of one sex or on stereotyped roles for men and women.*” Even things like Mother’s Day could be targeted under this provision.

**Governments Must Advance Sexually Confused People** -- The Principles would require nations to promote people with deviant sexual orientations over heterosexuals by mandating governments to “*secure adequate advancement of persons of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities*” and declare that “*such measures shall not be deemed to be discriminatory.*” (emphasis added.)

**Government Mandated Indoctrination and Thought Control** -- The Principles call upon governments to take “*appropriate action, including programmes of education and training, with a view to achieving the elimination of prejudicial or discriminatory attitudes or behaviours which are related to the idea of the inferiority or the superiority of any sexual orientation or gender identity or gender expression.*” (emphasis added.)

What they are after is nothing less than total governmental and societal recognition, respect, endorsement and promotion of *any* kind of sexual orientation or behavior, and they want this reflected in things such as school curriculum, laws, policies, court decisions and our customs and culture.

**A Right to Change One’s Gender** -- The Principles call for nations to ensure that “*identity papers . . . reflect the person’s profound self-defined gender identity.*” So for example, if a man decides he wants to be a woman he/she would have the right to change his drivers license and passport to reflect his newly chosen gender. And governments would be required to facilitate and probably pay for sex change operations, as well as promote their social acceptance.

**Reparative Therapy for Sexual Identity Disorders Prohibited** -- The Principles declare that a “*person’s sexual orientation and gender identity are not, in and of themselves, medical conditions and are not to be treated, cured or suppressed.*” This could easily be interpreted to mean that professionals who treat patients for unwanted same-sex attraction or any other sexual disorder would be prosecuted because The Principles require governments to “*ensure that any medical or psychological treatment or counseling does not, explicitly or implicitly, treat sexual orientation and gender identity as medical conditions to be treated, cured or suppressed.*”

**Freedom of Speech Trampled On** -- The Principles seek to “*Ensure that the exercise of freedom of opinion and expression does not violate the rights and freedoms of persons of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.*” The Principles also seek to “*Ensure that the expression, practice and promotion of different opinions, convictions and beliefs with regard to issues of sexual orientation or gender identity is not undertaken in a manner incompatible with human rights.*” In other words, it would be considered a human rights violation to express a negative view toward any sexual orientation or gender identity no matter how bizarre it may be.

**Punishment for Violators** -- According to The Principles, all crimes related to “*actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity*” would have to be vigorously investigated and violators “*duly punished.*”

If you were not concerned before reading this you should be now! To be updated on how these “Principles” are used in the future and to help us stop them from being adopted by the United Nations and/or governments across the world please sign up for our free Family Watch Update e-newsletter by going to [www.familywatchinternational.org](http://www.familywatchinternational.org).