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A Message from Mat Staver, our Founder and Chairman

INTERNATIONAL "CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY" NEXT BATTLEGROUND

A radical New York-based group funded by George Soros filed suit in the United States against a pastor, claiming he committed "crimes against humanity" and violated international law when he spoke in Uganda about pornography and homosexuality. This group is intent on silencing pro-moral speech and is attempting to set up prosecutions under international law, even taking American citizens before the International Criminal Court (ICC)! Liberty Counsel is now defending Pastor Lively in this crucially important case.



Liberty Counsel has come to the defense of Scott Lively, an evangelical pastor who was sued in a Massachusetts federal court by a foreign group called Sexual Minorities of Uganda (SMUG – no, I'm not making that up).

The lawsuit is based upon the Alien Tort Statute (ATS), claiming that Pastor Lively committed "crimes
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The use of international law and foreign legal precedents in American courts threatens to decimate the rich heritage of American jurisprudence and literally knock our legal system off its foundation.

Increasingly, radical groups intent on subverting our Constitution and its core tenets are using international courts and legal systems as a battering ram. Two of the leading international legal establishments are the **International Court of Justice**, a pillar organization in the **United Nations** (top left), and the **International Criminal Court** at The Hague in the Netherlands (top right). Although the latter is not affiliated with the UN, it often cooperates with other international tribunals to advance the practice of international law that can supersede, or even totally replace, national legal systems. **Pastor Scott Lively** (bottom left), a Bible-believing evangelical from Massachusetts, became the first pro-family American to be sued under the Alien Tort Statute (ATS) for "Crimes against Humanity" after preaching on biblical and moral values **in Uganda!** Liberty Counsel Founders **Mat and Anita Staver** are shown in front of the highest Court in the United States legal system, under which Pastor Lively is **guaranteed** freedom of speech and religious expression!

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against humanity” because of his pro-moral speech.

The ATS provides a cause of action for violations of international laws, only if the laws are “specific, universal, and obligatory.” Courts have found such offenses as the following to be actionable under the ATS: Torture; cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment; genocide; war crimes; crimes against humanity; summary execution;

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prolonged arbitrary detention; and forced disappearance.

The ATS is not designed to silence pure speech, but that is how the radical, Soros-funded group is seeking to stretch the law.

The lawsuit claims that beginning in 2002, Pastor Lively preached in Ugandan churches and shared his opinion on homosexuality and pornography. Without any support, the suit alleges that as a result of his speech, some members of what the complaint calls the “LGBTI community” (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex) faced discrimination, and one person, SMUG Advocacy Director David Kato, was killed on January 26, 2011.

The suit leaves out the critical fact that Kato was killed by Nsubuga Balibagga after Kato tried to force him to have sex. Kato’s death had nothing to do with Pastor Lively, but was

instead the result of his own disordered sexual appetite and twisted lifestyle.

In a parallel development, this fall the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the case of *Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum* to determine whether and under what circumstances the ATS allows courts to recognize a cause of action for alleged violations of the “law of nations” occurring within the territory of a sovereign country other than the United States.

The suit against Pastor Lively is an example of why the ATS should not be used to allow a foreigner to file suit against a U.S. citizen in the United States, claiming a violation of some vague international norm allegedly committed in the foreigner’s home country.

LIBERTY COUNSEL IS TAKING ACTION IN THIS PIVOTAL CASE

This suit is truly outrageous. If successful, it will crush any speech in foreign countries by U.S. citizens that is pro-moral and pro-family!

The organization representing SMUG is the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), located at 666 Broadway in New York. The address is interesting, to say the least.

This radical group receives funding from the Ford Foundation and billionaire George Soros, who routinely stands against anything Christian and pro-American. Soros is an anathema to our nation’s foundational values.

CCR has used international law to push a radical agenda. It has represented radical Islamic GITMO detainees, who fought against the United States. CCR is also very much anti-Israel, having filed suits against high-level Israeli officials, claiming they are guilty of “war crimes.” It even claimed that former U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld committed “war crimes.”

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is a terrifying attempt to use vague international law to silence, and eventually criminalize, speech by U.S. citizens on homosexuality and moral issues.

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bogus lawsuit would have no chance if filed in Uganda because Ugandan law would not punish pro-moral speech. The suit would likewise have no chance if filed under the laws of the United States.

The tactic being used is to allege a violation of some vague international law to silence, punish, and then criminalize the speech of a pastor and U.S. citizen and deprive him of the right to free speech under the First Amendment.

We are taking this case very seriously. It is the first of its kind filed in the United States. We want to make sure it is the last, but I am concerned that this is the new battleground over our speech, particularly with respect to speech on human sexuality.

If CCR and SMUG are successful, there is no question that they will next go to the International Criminal Court and bring a criminal complaint

for “war crimes” or “crimes against humanity” against people of faith who espouse biblical and moral values. *Their goal is to treat you and me like Nazi war criminals!*

I am calling upon the supporters of Liberty Counsel to remember this case in prayer. This case will take enormous resources for Liberty Counsel, and we also ask for your financial support. We are up against an organization that is funded by billionaire George Soros and the Ford Foundation. They have deep pockets and they are deeply committed to an anti-Christian and immoral agenda.

I ask you to help Liberty Counsel defend Pastor Lively by committing to a regular monthly gift of \$25, \$50, or \$100 or to make a major gift of any amount. We cannot defend Pastor Lively without your financial help. Stand with us today as we fight back against this assault on our liberty using the disingenuous new smokescreen of “international law” in American courts. 🇺🇸



Mathew D. Staver, who founded Liberty Counsel along with his wife, Anita, in 1989, serves as the organization's Chairman. A leading constitutional attorney, widely read author, and sought-after speaker and cultural apologist, he also serves as Dean of the Liberty University School of Law and as Chairman of Liberty Counsel Action. Staver is among the core leaders of a national effort to rebuild the conservative movement in America.



Prayer Requests

□ Please pray for Liberty Counsel's intense efforts to stop the ObamaCare “Contraceptive and Abortifacient Mandate” and for the Supreme Court's review of the President's healthcare law's constitutionality during the time the Justices deliberate on their decision. Join our “Lord, deliver us from ObamaCare” prayer campaign by going to www.LC.org and visiting the Action Center.

□ Please continue to intercede for our legal representation of Personhood USA and ongoing defense of the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.

□ Please pray for protection and great wisdom for our education and action outreach to over 500,000 Americans via email, especially praying that Internet communication channels remain free and unobstructed by government regulation or censorship.

□ Pray for Liberty Counsel's efforts in the nation's capital, including our Liberty Center for Law and Policy, its Director, and the interns and other volunteers who help accomplish the mission.

□ Please pray for Liberty Counsel's many “Awake!” events, rallies, publications, and expanding educational outreach. Please also pray for special inspiration for Liberty Counsel's staff and other team members, as we accelerate efforts to positively impact America's public policy.

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nation to pursue the green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication.”

Of course, radical changes in our national policy would be impossible

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without the support of our federal government. Our own State Department will be in Rio, advancing the green agenda.

Unfortunately, President Obama has spoken favorably about the Earth Day agenda and even calls those who oppose subsidies of “renewable” energy “members of the flat earth society.” Clearly, our own government has bought into the green propaganda!

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We must stand against the development of international laws that threaten our national sovereignty. We simply cannot accept forced redistribution of our energy resources and expect to remain a free people! 🇺🇸

Anita L. Staver, Liberty Counsel's President, cofounded the ministry in 1989 along with her husband, Mat. Anita is a member of the bars of the state of Florida and the District of Columbia. She is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, every federal court of appeals in the nation, and six federal district courts.

From Anita Staver, President

RADICAL GLOBALISTS PUSHING WORLDWIDE “RIGHT TO ENERGY”

Hell and Destruction are never filled: so the eyes of men are never satisfied. —Proverbs 27:20



While patriotic Americans are taking a renewed interest in the United States Constitution, there are radical globalists developing other documents to place the entire world under international law!

One such document, the Earth Charter, was launched by the United Nations and completed in 2000 by the Earth Charter Commission (ECC). Since that time, the Charter has been consistently pushed by ECC supporters as a basis for developing international laws to advance radical ideas about the environment, poverty, human rights, and peace.

Of course, Earth Charter supporters realize they cannot win the hearts and minds of Americans overnight. In order to gain support, they develop innocent-sounding projects and programs to move us little by little toward their vision of utopia.

One covert project that has become popular in our public schools is Earth Day, celebrated on April 22. Our future leaders are being educated in a radical international agenda, and we are paying the bill!

On the surface, the Earth Day appears simply to urge responsible

pollution control and recycling to enable our planet to support future generations. After all, we all want a safe and healthy environment. Unfortunately, the green agenda does not end there.

This year, Earth Day activities were aimed at building support for an action plan that starts in June at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. This conference is also known as the

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Rio+20 Earth Summit, held 20 years since the last Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

This article is too short to cover all of the crazy plans for Rio+20, but I want to give you an alarming example that involves something that affects every American – energy.

And if you think the ObamaCare “universal healthcare” program is an evil, leftist power grab to redistribute your hard-earned money – that’s just the warm-up act!

The Earth Day website touts a new campaign named “Renewable Energy for All,” where the green radicals reveal plans for action at Rio+20. Their goals for the next eight years include: “Universal access to modern energy services to end energy poverty: this includes clean, reliable and affordable energy services for cooking and

heating, lighting, communications and productive uses.”

“Energy poverty”? I certainly never thought of my childhood family as “energy poor,” although we lived in the Alaskan wilderness. Of course, we had less “clean, reliable and affordable energy” than most other people. Nevertheless, this so-called “energy poverty” did not hurt us in the least. We had a wood stove for cooking and heating, kerosene lanterns for lighting, battery powered ship-to-shore radios for communication, and our own hands for “productive uses.”

We never expected the government or anyone else to provide electric lines, windmills, solar panels, cows on treadmills, or any other conceivable “energy service,” any more than we expected someone to pay our medical bills. Similarly, most Americans don’t want “universal energy care” anymore than they want the universal healthcare that is being shoved down our throats.

But the globalists want Americans to accept the idea that everyone has a “right to energy” and then require us to support the “energy poor.” At Rio+20, United Nations members will be asked to commit to pay for all of this. Of course, the United States always funds the lion’s share of any foreign aid program.

But Rio+20 is not just about energy. Here’s just one absurd, concrete example of how the Earth Day agenda can affect every American. The draft document for Rio+20 sets out one of the purposes of the conference: “We renew our commitment to sustainable development and express our determi-

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