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Has Marriage Derangement Syndrome Genetically Altered Gays and Lesbians to the Point Where All They Can Do is Lie and Deceive?

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Abstract

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I could just leave it there and it would still be virtually irrebuttable.

But, even though Marriage Derangement Syndrome is at the heart of it, lets go further - and lets look at this thread at Free State Just Us's, er..., 'Equality' Maryland's Facebook page, a thread pimping the sockpuppet's ludicrous attempt to appear to give a shit about trans people (which was nothing more than a posting of Sandy Rawls' statement about discrimination she's faced - the vast majority of which would still be legal under the law that Free State Just Us is presenting itself as trying to pass this year):



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First, two comments addressing at least one comment that has apparently gone away (and, remember, the sockpuppet apparently prowls on Free State Just Us's FB pages):

Equality Maryland ?@ Jayne: We link to the bill on our website and through the blog post. (Friday at 8:39am)

Equality Maryland @Jayne - unfortunately, the same folks who opposed HB 474 will come out to try to stop this bill. They do not want to see any gains by the transgender community. So while we are genuinely committed to winning this bill AND to going back every year to continue to make gains, they will continue to oppose any and all efforts to provide support or protections. (Saturday@ 3:48 pm)

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Funny, that's precisely what could have been said of 'Equality' Maryland a decade ago when it was doing business as Free State Just Us.

Bianca Lynne appears to follow those two comments (again, I say 'appear' given that I have no confidence that there hasn't been scrubbing) with this (timestamped Yesterday at 2:27 am):

Let's see a decade after your earlier incarnation lied to pass a gay-only job and public accommodations law passed - trans people can still be refused housing and jobs as well as access to shelters, restaurants, movie theaters, etc.

A decade after your earlier incarnation lied t[o] pass a gay-only set of laws you support a bill that strips existing access to the above from trans people who already have those protections. This happens at the same time as you push for gay marriage. With a promise that you will continue to work on trans issues - given your record of a decade of having glb-only legislation, I think it is reasonable to wonder how long it will take after gays get to file joint state tax returns.

I'm curious what concessions you placed in the gay marriage bill? Can florists or event halls deny their services? Do gays get most of the rights and responsibilities of marriage afforded in the state , but can't access others? Or were all the concessions made in the GENDA?

A few hours later, someone with the ability to post under the 'Equality Maryland' monicker, responded with this:

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So, lets examine this.

1. They leave the uninformed reader with the impression that Free State Just Us has been working for the entirety of Maryland’s gay-only decade to remove the stain left by that 2001 political hate crime
2. They “dedicated to doing the hard work...” which sounds a lot like HRC’s moving-goalpost definition of “educating.”
3. They’re throwing a former Maryland governor under the bus; yes, apparently he did say what they claim he said - but do you notice who/what receives no culpability call-out?

Bianca Lynne did:

What about the folks who led EQMD a decade ago? What are they saying? What about the people who told the lies that got it passed in the first place? What are they doing to help trans people (Working for NCLR doesn’t count since it refuses to hire trans women). Take responsibility for your group’s part in making things like access to health care, are public accommodations “hard work”. You make it sound trans people should be grateful you are doing anything at all for us. Your old EDs made it so that trans women can get evicted from shelters, and your current group isn’t helping that ... all so it’s more likely for gays to have a wedding. See More

Where are the people who rammed through the gay-only law a decade ago utilizing a lubricant amalgam of bullying, lies and deceit?

Talk amongst yah-selves with that as the topic. In the meantime, here are screensnaps of that entire FB thread, as it appeared at approximately 11:00 am on Monday, Feb. 14:



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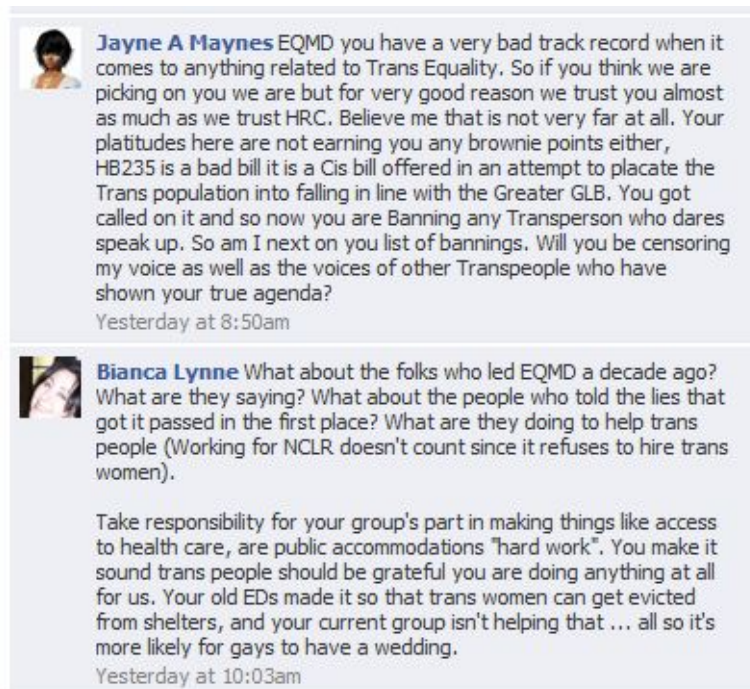
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Yesterday at 8:15am



Now, think about what the sockpuppet-authored(and, as I've noted, sockpuppet-scrubbed) PHB thread is an ad for:

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It touts Free State Just Us's lobby day - which is today.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011

Valentines Day marked by nationwide direct actions on right to marry

Posted by **Joe Sudbay (DC)** at 2/14/2011 10:02:00 AM



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Yep, it's Valentines Day. To mark this day when people celebrate love, GetEQUAL and Marriage Equality USA are staging protests across the country to show the inequality in our nation's marriage laws. Via press release:

Now isn't that special.



Equality Maryland Lobby Day

Date: February 14, 2011

Time: 04:30 PM

Location:

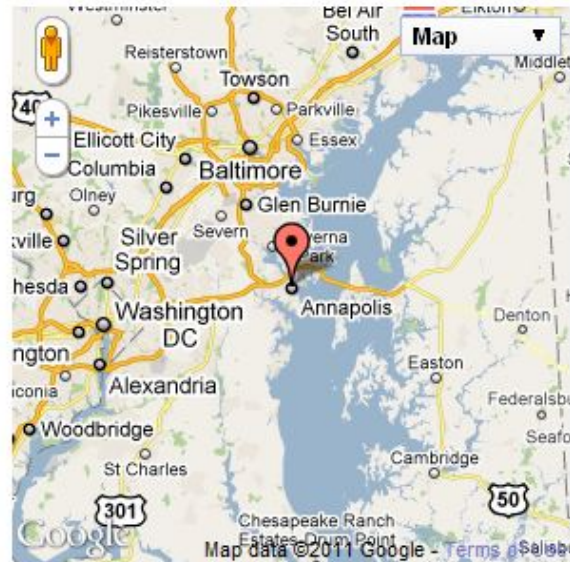
Maryland Statehouse

100 State Circle

Annapolis, MD 21401

We're closer than ever to securing marriage for gay and lesbian couples and to passing an anti-discrimination bill that includes gender identity and expression. But for equality to prevail in 2011, your legislators need to hear from you!

Mark your calendars now to join pro-equality Marylanders for Equality Maryland's Lobby Day on **February 14th, 2011**. We'll meet at the state house at 4:30 for training and a rally. And from 6-8, we'll meet in groups with legislators to tell our stories about why equality matters to us.



In the spirit of Valentine's day and love and yadda, yadda, yadda, I'm going to do something nice. I'm going to use my vast wealth of photoshop experience to make a logo that they can use - a logo that will actually better represent their efforts and desires to Maryland legislators.



Now THAT would be truth in advertising.

But lets go back to the sockpuppet - before what I had to take time out from my schedule this morning to say to her gets scrubbed off of that pathetic thread.

In response to someone preaching the intrmental progress pap - claiming that there is no civil right bill

that was not a half-measure, I noted:

*The gay-only rights bill that Free State Just Us (now d/b/a 'Equality' Maryland) was not 'half' of what maryland gays were then wanting
It was 100% of what they then wanted. It was 0% of what trans people needed.
That is the quantification of the lie of gay-primacy 'incremental progress.' Its not 'incremental' for anyone. Gays get everything they want, when they want it; trans people get nothing - except third-class status.*

Then up popped the sockpuppet:

*If trans people never get anything, how do you explain the fact that anti-discrimination laws for trans people exist in 12 states plus DC? It is true that such laws cover sexual orientation in 18 states and that 6 state difference is wrong and unfair, but it is patently incorrect to state that "Gays get everything they want, when they want it; trans people get nothing - except third-class status." If "Gays get everything they want, when they want it; trans people get nothing - except third-class status" then why can't we LGBs marry in most states? It is possible for trans people to marry in states where LGBs can't. The exception is if both trans people have ID of the same sex and live in states prohibiting same-sex marriage, but even under those conditions I know of people who live as their true gender but "ID" as the gender opposite their partner and so could get married. It doesn't always work and it certainly isn't an ideal system when you have to jigger it that way, but such couples DO sometimes have options that LGB couples don't. And I say good for them if they can make an unfair system work for them!
People should absolutely speak out when unfair horse trading is happening or when inadequate bills are filed. But then the work of righting the wrongs must begin. Making hyperbolic claims doesn't move the ball forward. Well, I take that back - hyperbolic community-splitting claims do move the ball forward for the anti-LGBT opposition.
DADT Discharges May End, But Discrimination Might Not, by Kerry Eleveld*

Putting aside the fact that the DADT thing that she pimps in her sig is yet another example of trans needs being steamrolled in favor of gay wants (hint: the 'discrimination' that 'might not' end? Even that's not a reference to anti-trans discrimination), do notice that Non-Lawyer Non-Lurleen doesn't really address what I was referring to, spewing instead a bunch of crap that, to the untrained eye, appears touchy-feely and kum-bah-yah-ish but, in all likelihood, probably was boilerplate party-line InsidersOUT propaganda.

My response?

Well, even though its likely to get scrubbed from its location at PHB, you'll always be able to find it here:

*obfuscation station
it is patently incorrect to state that "Gays get everything they want, when they want it; trans people get nothing - except third-class status."
How many of those trans-inclusive states saw gay-only rights laws followed by the gays who crammed those gay-only laws through the legislature actually going back and adding T? Now compare that*

number to the number of states that passed legitimate laws in the first instance - and compare it to the number where the gays who crammed those gay-only laws through the legislature moved on to the 'want' of gay marriage and have never given a second thought about what trans people NEED to survive.

I was referring to the LIE of intra-jurisdictional 'incremental progress' - and, specifically, of how that LIE has played out in Maryland.

Did the gay-only rights bill that passed in Maryland in 2001 initially also contain gay marriage which was jettisoned, making the bill 'incremental' for gays? No. The gay-only rights bill was exactly what Cathy Brennan, Shannon Avery, Liz Seaton and the rest of the Maryland gay-primacy apartheid crowd wanted. By the use of lies and deceit (telling legislators and the public that trans people were already protected under Maryland law, something they knew damn good and well was a lie), they got 100% of what they set out for and the left trans people 100% actually unprotected.

People should absolutely speak out when unfair horse trading is happening or when inadequate bills are filed. But then the work of righting the wrongs must begin.

You can't right wrongs until those who committed the wrongs are hauled into the dock and made to answer for their crimes.

Where are the people who lied and deceived to ramrod the gay-only bill through Maryland in 2001? Where are all of the Maryland state law trans-based sex discrimination claims that they asserted as justification for giving themselves the explicitness of statutory protections?

I have my suspicions. I presume they're out planning for their Maryland weddings - and not giving a damn about Maryland trans law.

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Funny how gays only raise this as a substantive pro-trans legal nugget to justify gay-primacy apartheid on other fronts. When we bring it up to justify why trans law isn't as alien and scary and new as gay transphobes such as St. Barney, Jonathan Capehart and John Aravosis say it is when they want to keep us out of 'their' gay-only ENDA, we're told that we're delusional and live in Oz.

They're not going to be allowed to have it both ways - and neither are you, particularly when you try to steamroll over my comments with a response that has virtually nothing to do with the specific matter that I was addressing.

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The worst that my sig will do is annoy people who don't like cats...

or Kats.

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