Five Important Reasons to Vote NO on the Resolution

Boys Scouts of America delegates will vote TODAY on a resolution that will introduce open homosexuality into Scouting’s ranks and eventually, in all likelihood, into Scouting leadership. This open letter calls on ALL DELEGATES to VOTE NO on the resolution and thereby preserve Scouting’s timeless values and honor 103 years of faithful service to our nation and her boys.

1. The resolution is halfway to OPEN HOMOSEXUALITY for adults: Legal experts estimate the new rule on open homosexuality will extend to everyone in the BSA, including adults, within only a few years. It is expected that lawsuits will be brought immediately by gay rights activists once an openly gay Boy Scout turns 18 and is unable to continue in the program.

2. FORCES ALL Scouting units to accept openly gay youth: The resolution requires every Scouting unit, regardless of the religious convictions of its chartered partners, to accept “open and avowed homosexuality” among boys in their program, effectively repudiating the religious beliefs and theology of the vast majority of faith-based groups which charter 70% of all Scouting units.

3. Up to 400,000 youth will LEAVE BSA: If the resolution is passed, BSA’s official estimates show “significant membership loss of 200,000 - 400,000 youth” and “significant financial losses upwards of 30 million” dollars. This will devastate the BSA, financially, socially, and legally. A similar policy forced on Scouts in Canada has resulted in massive membership losses.

4. ROBS PARENTS of their authority to address issues of sexuality: Parents properly have the exclusive right to raise issues of sex and sexuality with their children when they think it best for their child and family, and to not have it brought up by older openly gay boys around a campfire.

5. Membership policy change is UNWANTED by the Scouting family: The “Voice of the Scout” survey shows that BSA members overwhelmingly support the current membership policy by a supermajority of 61% to 34%. Just last year the eleven member committee charged with a two-year study on this issue unanimously concluded that the current membership policy was “the absolute best policy” for the BSA.

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