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Fellow Warriors,

Praying that you had a very blessed **THANKSGIVING** yesterday!

It is our pleasure to share with you, "**Time to divorce government from marriage,**" published on Thanksgiving in WND ([see here](#)) and written by Darin Chappell. Darin is the Executive Vice President for Veterans in Defense of Liberty[®] and a Missouri State Representative-elect.

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Time to divorce government from marriage

Exclusive: Darin Chappell notes that D.C. getting involved with matrimony cuts both ways

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In 1996, with President Clinton's signing of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), a breach of American Federalism took place with little notice. A few of us objected to the Act, even though it codified what we believed to be accurate, that marriage is reserved as being between a man and a woman. The objection was not that marriage would be thusly defined but that the national government would be involved in the defining process at all.

Prior to that, the question of marriage and its boundaries was primarily left to

the States. A notable exception was *Loving v. Virginia* (1968), which decided against the States' ability to declare marriages between mixed-race couples illegal. However, that was a Civil Rights question that did not alter the core definition of marriage between a man and a woman. The matter of what constitutes a marriage was left untouched, and the States remained authoritative.

However, DOMA established the national government as the new authority on the issue, overriding the States after 220 years of precedent. While many on the right were happy with the outcome, not realizing what they had lost in the process, DOMA solidified the ability of the national government to change the definition of marriage as quickly as it had been set.

In 2015, the *Obergefell* case was handed down, deciding that same-sex unions were to be on par with heterosexual marriages via the Due Process and Equal Protection clauses of the 14th Amendment. Had DOMA not been in place, SCOTUS would likely have never ruled on the matter, as the question of marriage is entirely absent from the text of the Constitution. Indeed, the 2013 case *United States v. Windsor*, a predicate to *Obergefell*, found that DOMA was in violation of the 5th Amendment via the Due Process clause in that DOMA precluded same-sex marriage in its Section 3 wording. In short, no DOMA, no *Obergefell*.

Herein lies the insidious nature of the long game played by Progressives and (largely) misunderstood by the Right. Be careful of that for which one asks! When Conservatives ask the national government to "reign thou over us" in matters previously foreign to Washington DC control, the States lose a degree of power in ways usually unforeseen. While we get to toss the pebble into the pond, we never control the direction or extent of the resulting ripples.

Enter the Respect for Marriage Act.

Wherein DOMA was the camel's nose under the tent; this latest effort would have the creature entirely inside, crowding all others out into the cold. Progressives, and the Republican Senators that joined them, would have us all believe that this Act would merely ensure that all rights are equally protected. However, without an amendment to protect religious conviction on a definition of marriage, religious organizations will be held accountable to the national government if they refuse to perform or recognize marriages that would violate their conscience on a definitional basis. At its very core, this Act violates the 1st Amendment's prohibition of the national government establishing a religious mandate.

The question boils down to whether there is a Right for one to be married. Progressives would have us believe there is, but the Constitution is silent on the matter. "Rights" are those concepts of life that are enshrined in the Constitution as a positively protected idea. Concepts the government will not let one do without. You have the right to an attorney and not to self-incriminate. However, there is no right to be married. If one is unable to attract a spouse for whatever reason, the government will not issue a spouse to fulfill that supposed right.

One is at liberty to be married (or not), but only within the legal parameters established. One is free to marry whomever one chooses, but only so far as laws of age requirements, laws against polygamy, and other restrictions permit.

Marriage is not a Right.

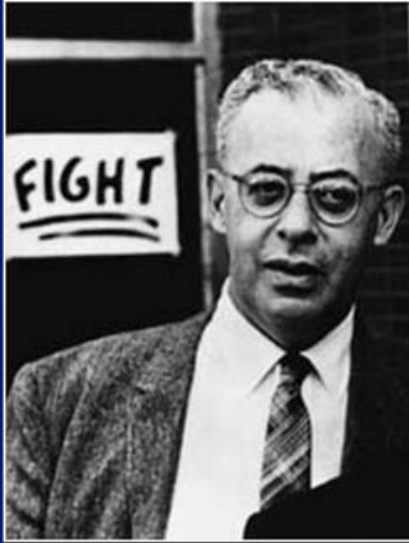
From a governmental perspective, Liberty is a negative concept in that Liberty is the absence of governmental control. Whenever government acts, unless it is to limit itself, Liberty dies little by little. DOMA, Windsor, Obergefell, and now the Respect for Marriage Act are all efforts to chip away at the Liberty that the States and their citizens have held for over two centuries. The only way to reverse this trend is to completely remove the government from the equation.

**WE ARE NOT A DEMOCRACY!
WE ARE A REPUBLIC!**

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Most are aware of Alinsky's Rule for Radicals; however, few are aware of the eight necessary levels of Control attributed to him. Essentially everything the Progressive Left (Post Modernists) are doing today, plays to one, or more of these powers. All 8 are in play.

**How to create a social state
by Saul Alinsky:**



True revolutionaries do not flaunt their radicalism. They cut their hair, put on suits and infiltrate the system from within.

— Saul Alinsky —

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"There are eight levels of control that must be obtained before you are able to create a social state.

1. **Healthcare** – Control healthcare and you control the people.
2. **Poverty** – Increase the Poverty level as high as possible; poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them to live.
3. **Debt** – Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty.
4. **Gun Control** – Remove the ability to defend themselves from the government. That way you are able to create a police state.
5. **Welfare** – Take control of every aspect of their lives (Food, Housing, and Income).
6. **Education** – Take control of what people read and listen to – take control of what children learn in school.
7. **Religion** – Remove the belief in God from the government and schools.
8. **Class Welfare** – Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. This will cause more disconnect, and it will be easier to take from (tax) the wealthy with the support of the poor."

"History does not entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

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"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." - Thomas Paine



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