

PRESS RELEASE by the Jamaica Coalition for a Healthy Society (JCHS)
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The Jamaica Coalition for a Healthy Society (JCHS) joins others in strongly objecting to the dismissal of Professor Brendan Bain, Director of the Caribbean HIV/AIDS Regional Training network (CHART) by the University of the West Indies (UWI). It has been well documented in the USA, UK and Canada that public disagreement with homosexual behaviour is now a basis for victimization.

Over the last two years, the JCHS has consistently warned the Jamaican public that the Lesbian Gay Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) agenda, as it has unfolded in western democracies, involves removing or restricting the established fundamental rights of freedom of speech, conscience, religion and parental rights. In these countries, "new rights" for homosexual expression have been considered in law to be of greater importance than established fundamental rights, such as the right to free speech. We recall the 2006 statement of Ms Chai Feldblum, presently a Commissioner of the Equal Opportunity Employment commission in the USA, that "Society should *not tolerate any private beliefs*, including religious beliefs, that may negatively affect homosexual equality."

In pursuing their objectives the LGBTI lobby has ridiculed truth choosing instead ad hominem arguments - name calling such as 'hater', 'bigot', 'homophobe', as well as emotive speech and bullying to advance their cause.

LGBTI "rights" activists have simultaneously made the false claim that removing the buggery law is needed to decrease HIV rates among Men who have sex with men (MSM). Medical data clearly indicates that "removing the buggery law is neither necessary nor sufficient to decrease HIV rates among MSM" . Retaining the law makes it clear that buggery is an unnatural sexual behaviour, separating it from normal sexual intercourse. This law cautions all against harmful behaviours with known grave personal consequences and public health implications.

That LGBTI lobbyists secured Professor Bain's dismissal, by defaming his character and work, is merely another example of the LGBT commitment to intimidate, bully, harass and victimise anyone who does not endorse homosexual behaviour. Some of these victimised persons include computer technologist Brendan Eich, human resource manager Crystal Dixon, registrar Lilian Ladele, foster parents Owen and Eunice Johns and pastor Ake Green.

The statement by Professor Harris comparing Professor Bain position's as a conflict of interest indicates that the UWI's position in CHART is ideological rather than scientific. If the UWI's position in CHART were scientific, it would not find the Professor's statement a conflict.

We encourage the people of Jamaica to continue to register their outrage at what has happened by calling radio stations, writing letters to newspapers and, contacting the UWI itself. This campaign to suppress Professor Bain's fundamental freedoms has taken place while the buggery law is still on our statute books; what will happen if the law is repealed?

This is not a time to keep silent.

'First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.' (Martin Niemöller)

Jamaica, Stand up and speak up for what is true and right!

Stand up for wholesome sexual choices and behaviour,

Stand up for the natural Family,

Stand up for a healthy nation, "so that Jamaica may, under God...play her part in
advancing the welfare of the **whole** human race."

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