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Anti-Christian Hate: Biden Attorneys Aimed to Target Nuns — Loathed Their Head Coverings

In 2018-2019, Democrats lifted a ban on head coverings in the House so that newly-sworn-in Representative Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) could wear her hijab. Democrats have also generally defended the “right” to sport Muslim headwear in schools, workplaces, and in interactions with government. But Democrats in former President Joe Biden’s Justice Department (DOJ) apparently showed no such affinity for Catholic nuns’ head coverings.



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In fact, it has emerged that senior DOJ prosecutors spoke of them with contempt. This was, too, all while salivating over the prospect of prosecuting some nuns who exercised their First Amendment rights.

Introducing the story, commentator Monica Showalter [asks](#) rhetorically:

What kind of a person takes one look at nuns peacefully protesting at a rally and calls for first dibs on imprisoning them?

According to [LifeSiteNews](#), this kind:

Senior Justice Department prosecutors in the Biden administration privately discussed targeting Catholic nuns for prosecution. It’s the latest in a long line of ways Biden attorneys went after pro-life and Christian Americans just because of their faith and views.

That particular targeting came after viewing a New York Times photograph of the sisters at the Jan. 6, 2021, “Stop the Steal” rally, text messages show.

In February 2021, prosecutor Molly Gaston texted colleague Joseph Cooney about the image showing religious sisters in traditional habits, veils and large Trump scarves: “I would like to take a special assignment of finding and prosecuting them.”

... Cooney replied: “I’m with you. Although I’d like to prosecute any nun who still wears the head habit.”

Gaston responded: “Hahaha.”

The messages, obtained by Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, as part of his investigation into the Biden Justice Department’s “Arctic Frost” probe, have drawn sharp criticism from pro-life and religious liberty advocates who say they reveal deep anti-Catholic bias within the DOJ.

Below is an image of the pair’s texts provided by the Senate Judiciary Committee (hat tip: Showalter).



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In fairness, Cooney was kidding with the head-covering quip. But what would he and his ilk say if someone joked likewise about Muslims' veils? A "Hahaha" wouldn't likely be forthcoming. Moreover, the Cooney-Gaston exchange typifies the anti-Christian animus permeating the Left. Note, too, that as Showalter emphasizes:

The nuns had been doing nothing wrong at the Jan. 6 rally nor were they ever accused or charged with crimes in the Biden Jan. 6 prosecutions. [Cooney and Gaston] just didn't like their religious visibility so they wanted them jailed, sounding in their texts as though they'd pin anything on them.

Showalter also makes some other good points, writing:

It's valuable that Grassley released this information from his investigation, for at least two reasons.

One, Democrats have lately been trying to claim the mantle of offended Roman Catholic stalwarts in the wake of President Trump's and Pope Leo's disagreement over the Iran military action. This just proves that they are the same-old Catholic haters dating back from the Klan days.

Two, the little toad Cooney along with his sidekick Gaston (I think they are just pals, not lovers like Peter Strzok and Lisa Page) is now running for Congress in Virginia's newly gerrymandered 7th district, running on a partisan [impeachment](#) platform (obviously, no



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matter what the merits of the charges given his legal “thinking”), and hypocritically touting what a law-and-order family man he is.

Showalter then prints a passage from Cooney’s [website](#). As she stated, too, it portrays him as an intrepid warrior for justice (social justice?).

Really, though, none of this is shocking, as the Left long ago made clear it despises Christianity.

A Trip Down Bad Memory Lane

The “Left,” as we now call it, was born during the French Revolution (1789) and immediately showed its Christophobic colors. Revolutionaries persecuted clergy, seized and destroyed Church property, replaced Christianity with cults, and eliminated Christian references from streets and places. (They sometimes renamed people, too.) Why, those radicals even created a new, un-Christian calendar. It dated from 1792, not Christ’s birth, and omitted the Lord’s Day and Christian holidays. The idea was to secularize time itself.

This continued with later leftists, with communist governments persecuting the Church, sometimes viciously. As for today’s left-wingers, they channel the French revolutionaries. They have for years [tried to purge Christian statues and symbols from public property](#), citing a perverse First Amendment misinterpretation.

Then there were Barack Obama’s administration’s efforts to impose a contraception mandate (including abortifacients) on Christian religious orders and businesses. As I [put it](#) in 2014, Obama was “[forcing Christians to eat the pork](#),” metaphorically speaking.

Later, Obama’s Mini-Me, Biden, would flag “Radical-Traditionalist Catholics” as a potential domestic terrorism concern.

There also was the sexual devolutionary targeting of Christian businessmen. Activists would [go to, for example, a Christian baker](#) and request a same-sex “wedding” or “transgender”-oriented cake, knowing [the request would be declined](#). They’d then sue for discrimination, with state governments often tag-teaming with them to persecute the Christians. Not surprisingly, though, they completely ignored Muslim businessmen [who embraced the same policies](#).

The Method to the Madness

So the hatred of Christianity is long-standing and intense. But a question remains: Why? A clue is that few are more hostile to Christianity than are the sexual devolutionaries. And the reason concerns desire to indulge sin and find self-justification.

Just as threatening a greedy man’s money or a power-hungry politician’s office can evoke his wrath, people will seek to destroy anyone or anything imperiling their passions. Christianity does just that, too, with its model for moral living. If this model prevails in society, it will, these people fear, “spoil their fun.”

Delving a bit deeper, when people have an affinity for a given sin — or as some today say, “preference” — they don’t generally exclaim, “Hey, I’m evil and love it!”

Rather, they seek rationalizations and don’t want anyone shattering that bubble of self-delusion. Of course, Christianity does that, spectacularly, calling sin “sin.” It tells these people they’ve transgressed



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(in an absolute, unchanging sense), and that we'll all be judged for our actions. If Christianity is right, they're wrong, so Christianity can't be right. To them, the Good News is bad news — and must become yesterday's news.

On the macro level, there's a different motivation. Big government knows that Big Faith is a competitor for the people's loyalty. Holding divine law supreme makes government's law subordinate. Making God your highest power means government can never be. This is intolerable to those who deify the self and would have you worship them, and their statist creation, as gods.



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