The Epoch Times & Miss NTD Support an Anti-Transgender Agenda

New York City, New York Oct 16, 2023 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - In a society that claims to care about the importance of diversity and inclusivity, it is disheartening to observe NDT Media, supported by The Epoch Times (a media organization linked to the Falun Gong), consistently putting forth an agenda that opposes transgender rights across its many platforms.

This agenda remains largely unchallenged and unaddressed by mainstream media, a situation that holds significant ramifications for both the transgender community and society at large. Moreover, the disturbing alignment between The Epoch Times and anti-transgender viewpoints increases the potential repercussions of this association.

The MISS NTD Beauty Pageant Controversy

This pageant is just one glaring example of The Epoch Times' support for an anti-transgender stance in its coverage of the MISS NTD Beauty Pageant. This contest, sponsored by the New Tang Dynasty (NTD), a television station controlled by the Falun Gong, has faced backlash for requiring contestants to be "natural-born females." This stringent policy has ignited a firestorm of controversy and condemnation from transgender advocates who argue that it perpetuates discrimination and harmful stereotypes, particularly concerning transgender women.

However, rather than acknowledging these concerns, The Epoch Times has consistently defended the pageant, asserting that it upholds "traditional values" and celebrates "traditional femininity." In a recent 2023 article, the publication commended the pageant for promoting what it termed "ancient values." Pageant director Jenny Sun was quoted in the article stating that the event was "not about discriminating against anyone" but instead focused on celebrating "the natural beauty of women." This endorsement of the pageant's exclusionary policy only adds to the growing concern surrounding The Epoch Times' stance on transgender issues.

Dissemination of Negative Stereotypes

The promotion of the MISS NTD Beauty Pageant is just one aspect of The Epoch Times' anti-transgender agenda. In recent years, the publication has been accused of disseminating articles that propagate negative stereotypes about transgender individuals. One such article from 2019 suggested that transgender individuals were more prone to engage in criminal activities, a claim contradicted by substantial research showing that transgender individuals are more likely to be victims of violent crime rather than perpetrators.

"Gender Transformation: The Untold Realities"

Another alarming instance is The Epoch Times' production of a documentary titled "Gender Transformation: The Untold Realities." This documentary faced significant backlash for its negative portrayal of transgender individuals. It alleges a pro-transgender indoctrination agenda among parents, politicians, and the school system, a claim that has been widely discredited. Critics argue that the film is riddled with inaccuracies and biases, portraying transgender individuals in a negative light. This perpetuates the harmful and false belief that transgender individuals suffer from mental illness and pose a threat to society.

The Broader Implications

While some may dismiss these instances as the opinions of a fringe group, it is crucial to recognize the broader implications. According to a recent study by the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law, transgender people are nearly four times more likely than cisgender people to be victims of violent victimization, such as rape, sexual assault, and aggravated or simple assault. Additionally, compared to cisgender households, households with a transgender person experienced greater rates of property victimization. Murders of transgender people have almost doubled over the last 4 years. A recent Everytown report stated: "Transgender people are 2.5 times as likely to be victims of violence as cisgender people. And bisexual people were seven times as likely to experience violent victimization as straight people." Acts such as the ones listed here, (being committed by the Falun Gong and direct associations) add to this already growing issue. Allowing this trajectory to persist amounts to excluding an entire group of humans from a just and inclusive society. Additionally, the tr Advocates of fairness and humanity should be deeply concerned about such biased and harmful narratives.

In a world that aspires to embrace diversity and promote inclusivity, The Epoch Times' ongoing promotion of an anti-transgender agenda is deeply troubling. From endorsing exclusionary beauty pageant policies to disseminating negative stereotypes and producing biased documentaries, their actions have far-reaching consequences for transgender individuals and society as a whole. It is imperative that we recognize and condemn such behavior to ensure a more equitable and accepting world for all.

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