Clinton and his allies are engaged in a seductive game. They do not really believe that religious conservatives are bigots. In fact, they know -- and are counting on the fact -- that people who honor the Judeo-Christian heritage are both compassionate and forgiving. They know that men and women of faith believe in loving the sinner while hating the sin. The activists' ambition, however, is to twist that compassion into a resigned embrace of homosexuality as a social good.

You and I know that homosexuality is not a social good.

Those who practice homosexuality embrace a culture of death. They risk their lives as well as their mental and spiritual well-being. That is reason enough to discourage this practice. But now a band of radical activists, many of them highly-placed, put the well-being of all society at risk to satisfy their craving for approval.

If this sounds strong, consider how many Americans have already been harassed on the job or been fired for refusing pro-homosexual "diversity" training. Many more have been silenced for fear of losing their jobs or subjected to harassment that ranges from "phone-zapping" (continuous offensive phone calls) to destruction of property, smear campaigns, and even death threats. (Our recent special report, "The Other Side of Tolerance: Victims of Homosexual Activism," chronicles about 40 such incidents -- an expanded edition is available June 15.) These cases represent the tip of the iceberg.

Some examples:

* A church in San Francisco was attacked by a mob of angry homosexual activists. Congregants were manhandled and subjected to verbal abuse as they tried to attend a worship service.

* The family of a pastor who had spoken out against homosexual acts and preached love for homosexual individuals saw his family narrowly escape death when a gasoline bomb was thrown into their home.

* A Christian organization at the U.S. Department of Transportation has been denied access to computer bulletin boards for refusing to include open homosexuals in its leadership.

* The Boy Scouts of America have spent millions of dollars defending themselves from lawsuits in "homosexual rights" states because the Scouts stand by a code that includes being "morally straight."

These are not isolated events. They are part of an organized campaign to reach every home, school and workplace. When a diversity consultant in 1994 asked whether some federal employees might reject sensitivity training on homosexuality, openly homosexual U.S. Patent and Trademark Commissioner Bruce A. Lehman, a Clinton appointee, replied, "It's got to be forced down their throats."

There's more:

* In Madison, Wisconsin, a black pastor was disciplined and threatened with dismissal from the Fire Department because, as a Christian, he believes that homosexuality is a sin. In that same city, two women roommates were fined and forced to attend sensitivity training because they rejected a lesbian roommate.

* Around the nation, teachers are being shown a propaganda film about how to introduce children as young as second grade to homosexuality. "It's Elementary," produced by two lesbian activists, depicts a fifth grader, after hearing that Nazis once used pink triangles to differentiate homosexuals from other prisoners, saying, "Some Christians believe that if you're gay, you'll go to hell, so they want to torture them and stuff like that." This child's slur, linking Nazis to Christians, goes unchallenged.

Homosexual activism has resulted in astonishing threats to the freedoms of speech, association and religion. In just a few short years, homosexual activists have:

* forced a national debate over the definition of marriage;

* struck down anti-sodomy laws in more than half the states;

* intimidated the psychiatric profession into affirming homosexuality while discouraging therapy for people who want to leave the lifestyle;

* concocted a fallacy that homosexuality is genetic, despite ample evidence that it results from a breakdown in family life;

* circumvented the military's ban on homosexuality;

* passed "homosexual rights" laws in 11 states and in more than 150 cities and counties;

* introduced millions of schoolchildren to homosexual themes via sex and AIDS education;

* won many court victories involving custody and adoption of children;

* captured corporate financial backing for "diversity training" and events such as the Gay Games (modeled on the Olympics), "gay pride" festivals, and sex-and-drug-saturated "circuit" parties;

* achieved pervasive visibility on prime-time TV, especially situation comedies such as *Ellen*, *Friends*, and *Roseanne*. A gay advocacy group recently counted 32 openly homosexual characters on prime-time television;

* persuaded the U.S. Supreme Court in *Romer v. Evans* to declare Judeo-Christian views regarding homosexuality as mere "animus," putting us in the same category as racist bigots;

* come within one vote in the U.S. Senate last year of elevating homosexuals to a federally protected class who can sue employers for alleged discrimination based on homosexuality, bisexuality, and other bizarre behaviors.

Homosexual activists like to portray themselves as "open" -- sharing the truth about the gay lifestyle. But these activists together with the liberal media have consistently suppressed the bad news about the destructive nature of the homosexual lifestyle while totally neglecting the good news that homosexuals can change. Groups like Exodus International, Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays (P-FOX), Courage, and Homosexuals Anonymous have helped thousands of men and women to abandon homosexuality. Staffed largely by ex-homosexuals, these organizations offer truth and hope.

How do we turn back the tide of homosexual activism? How do we save the institution of marriage? The task is formidable, but the alternative is unthinkable. You and I must band together with a new energy to fight for our families.

First, we must build on our successes -- and there have been many. In recent months FRC has:

* Compiled and published more than three dozen reports on issues within the homosexual debate, from objective analyses of bad data to defenses of traditional marriage;