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California's Attack on Traditional Marriage	May 19 (C4)	US only	28:30
<p>Dr. James Dobson interrupts our regularly scheduled programming to share an urgent message. Last Thursday, May 15, the California Supreme Court ruled 4-3 that same-sex marriage is legal in that state, overriding the will of the voters. In 2000, Proposition 22 defined marriage in California as being exclusively between one man and one woman. That initiative passed by an overwhelming margin of 61% - 39%. That emphatic expression of the will of the people has now arrogantly been declared null and void. These justices have undermined the basic building block of society . . . what an outrage! It will up to the people of California to preserve traditional marriage by passing a constitutional amendment in the November elections. Only then can they protect themselves from this latest example of judicial tyranny. Dr. Dobson is joined by phone by Tom Minnery, Senior Vice President of Government and Public Policy; Tony Perkins, President of the Family Research Council; and Pastor Jack Hibbs of Calvary Chapel - Chino Hills. Pastor Hibbs represents a coalition of grass roots organizations, churches and voters who have been working very hard collecting 1.1 million signatures to place a state marriage amendment on the November 2008 ballot in California. Tony Perkins states that this current case far surpasses what we saw in 2004 in Massachusetts, because the court has completely overstepped the legislature and has established public policy. This is not about a right to marriage, but a right to <i>redefine</i> marriage. The state of Massachusetts had a residency requirement, which California does not. Couples from across the country could go to California, obtain a same-sex marriage, and then go back to their home state and challenge their state's law, whether it be a constitutional amendment or a statutory defense of marriage. Ultimately this is going on a fast track to the challenging of the federal Defense of Marriage Act in the federal courts. The problem is that before a final decision is reached, these marriages will be consummated in the eyes of the state, and California will be giving out these marriage licenses and it's going to be very hard to undo this. We are in for a tremendous battle – not only in the state of California – but all across this country. Tom Minnery says he was “stunned” when he first heard the news. Pastor Hibbs states that the government has invaded our beliefs, our understanding of the Scripture. So now we have the government and politics coming in and trying to declare to the church that this is a political issue. For far too long the church has turned away. Dr. Dobson reminds listeners that back in 2006 there was an attempt to make a case to get a federal constitutional amendment protecting marriage, because otherwise the courts would tamper with the definition of marriage and ultimately</p>			

destroy it. The amendment received very little support from either Republicans or Democrats. Dr. Dobson goes on to name senators involved and some comments they made at the time. To the best of his knowledge, not one of the three Presidential candidates - Hillary Rodham Clinton, John McCain, and Barack Obama have made reference to the pressures, dangers or the problems faced by the family, or by the need to protect marriage. All three candidates voted *against* the amendment to protect marriage in the Constitution. John McCain has stated that he would support a marriage amendment at the state level, but there is one currently stuck in the state legislature in his home state of Arizona. Dr. Dobson briefly brings up the subject of polygamy and group marriage, where this decision just handed down by the California Supreme Court at least opens the door to that possibility. Tom states that the dissenting opinion stated that very thing will happen; that there is nothing to prevent a polygamist group - or a group supporting incestuous sexual relationships - from coming back for the same rights in the future. There would be no reason why these groups would be denied marriage as well. Tony says that if the courts can redefine the gender of those who can marry, it's just a matter of another "opinion" that could redefine the number in the party. Pastor Hibbs closes the broadcast with prayer. This broadcast was paid for by Focus on the Family Action.

The Hidden Dangers of Anti-Bias Laws May 28 (C4) US only 28:30
Note: C4 in Colorado only/C3 for the rest of the U.S.

Dr. James Dobson interrupts the regularly scheduled broadcast because the state legislature in Colorado has become just about as radical and extreme as the California legislature. The bills that are working their way through the Colorado governmental apparatus are almost beyond belief. Senate Bill 200 has passed both Houses and now sits on Governor Bill Ritter's desk. His staff tells us that he will probably sign it. If he does, more than 20 changes in the Colorado law will take place, in an effort that was designed to appease the homosexual community in this state. In those changes is a provision that will give access to all public restrooms by people of the opposite gender. Dr. Dobson is joined by Tom Minnery, Senior Vice President of Government and Public Policy at Focus on the Family; Amy Stephens, a Colorado state Representative; and Jim Pfaff, President of Colorado Family Action. Amy has been fighting against this legislation in a judiciary committee. Jim says that this is a big pay back to people who have been dumping millions of dollars into taking over the Colorado legislature. The people behind this bill are attempting to overtake religious beliefs and religious faith in the state. Tim Gill, an admitted homosexual, and two other billionaires in the state, are putting incredible amounts of money into local races in order to accomplish this kind of legislation. They want to bless their friends and destroy their enemies. They have no party lines when it comes to their enemies in Colorado. This bill is so outlandish that Tom and others went up to meet with the Governor's staff a couple of days ago - to explain their objections to this bill. The Governor however, is still likely to sign this bill because he owes a political debt to those in the left wing who got him the Democratic majority in the legislature. Amy reads a list of the kind of businesses and organizations that will be affected by this bill with regard to restrooms. She quotes portions of the bill and explains a variety of implications it will have on the public. Jim Pfaff cites precedence for the potential problems in a case in southern Florida where a Mayor was trying to stop sexual dalliances from taking place in public restrooms there, and was excoriated by the

media and by opposing politicians for trying to stop sexual activity between heterosexuals in public restrooms. When you bring the transgender situation into this, it becomes a horrible condition. Amy states that lest we think this is just a “bathroom bill”, it is also about Christian business people being able to practice their faith through their profession. She cites a case in New Mexico where a photographer had declined to photograph a ceremony for a same-sex couple, on the grounds that her religious beliefs. The couple found another photographer, but brought this photographer before a Civil Rights Commission in New Mexico, who found that person guilty. This bill is estimated to allow for up to 33 complaints - most likely 3 of them potentially going to court - in the first year alone, with fines ranging from up to \$5,000 and a year in jail. Amy is concerned because complaints will go to an unelected and unaccountable Civil Rights Commission before anyone get a day in court, and the process will be very costly. One state that has already been down this path is Massachusetts. In 2004, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts ruled that marriage violated their non-discrimination law, and so we had the first state with same-sex marriage. More recently, Catholic Charities in Massachusetts had to shut down its orphan care ministry altogether, rather than begin placing children into same-sex households. The people of Colorado really need to have their voices be heard by phone at 303-866-2471 and ask for Governor Ritter to veto Senate Bill 200. The rest of the country should e-mail the Colorado Governor and express their concerns. Contact information is available at www.focusonthefamily.com or by calling Focus on the Family Action at 1-866-655-4545. Dr. Dobson appeals for people to financially support Colorado Family Action. This program was provided by Focus on the Family and Focus on the Family Action.

The Christian Family **May 30 (C3) US only 7:16**
Drop-in: Governor Ritter signed Senate Bill 200

Dr. James Dobson is joined in the studio by Tom Minnery, Vice President of Public Policy and Government at Focus on the Family, to read a statement that was released last night to the Press. The release informs our listeners that on May 29 Colorado Governor Bill Ritter signed an anti-bias bill (Senate Bill 200). The statement deals with the fact that the Colorado legislature and the Governor have made it fully legal for a man to enter and use women’s restroom and locker room facilities without notice or explanation. As a result of Governor Ritter’s signature, every woman and little girl will have to fear that a predator, bi-sexual, cross dresser, or even a homosexual or heterosexual male might walk in and relieve himself or do even worse, in their presence. The law lists every conceivable type of organization to which this law applies, including restaurants, bath houses, massage parlors, mortuaries, theaters, or public facilities of any kind. Those who would attempt to protect females from this intrusion are subject to a fine of \$5000 and one year behind bars. This represents a payback to Tim Gill and two other billionaires who have essentially “bought” the state legislature with enormous campaign contributions. Because of the way the bill is written, it is not subject to the initiative process, and there is no recourse. At Focus on the Family we are very troubled over this. Tom is also distressed over this action, and states that the reason there is no recourse is because they inserted a little clause in this long bill that is called a “safety clause”, which states that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety. It’s obvious that the liberals in the legislature thought this through.

The transgender movement, which is behind this bill, believes that separate rest rooms for men and women are just like separate drinking fountains used to be. We're airing this message all over the United States because what happens in one state has a way of leaking into other states, and everyone should be aware of this. Dr. Dobson is outraged. We ask the people of Colorado to please voice their concerns and opinions to their state legislators and Governor Ritter about Senate Bill 200, which is now state law in Colorado, or soon will be. We trust that our listeners will be in prayer for righteousness to reign in this state, and to read Dr. Dobson's statement or get further information about this matter at focusonthefamily.com.