Pious liberals must be appeased

By Ben Boychuk

Ben, judging by the title of your article, you plan on directing the attention of your conservative supporters against liberals rather than actually addressing the issue of discrimination against gay scouts. That's a good sign that, no matter what you write, you know you can't defend your bigotry.

*AMERICAN liberals are very much in favor of freedom of speech and freedom of association - up to the point that their own pieties are offended. Then it's war.*

Ben, it is your position which is based on religious piety. You are simply trying to distract the audience from that fact by accusing your opponents of what you, yourself, are guilty of.

*After the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 2000 that the Boy Scouts of America had a First Amendment right to exclude homosexuals from membership, liberal groups ranging from the American Civil Liberties Union to the "Scouting for All" made it their mission to cripple the Scouts and attack their operations at every turn.*

Ben, you call it cripple and attack in order to hide what they were really trying to accomplish - change through legal action ... as is their right.

*As a result, high-profile donors such as the United Way withdrew their support from the century-old organization, some former Eagles Scouts ostentatiously returned their badges, and a number of cities tried to ban the Boy Scouts from using public facilities.*

Ben, reread that paragraph and notice all the manipulative adjectives and the adverb that you used: 'high-profile', 'century-old', and 'ostentatiously'. When writers resort to such manipulations to persuade their audiences, it is usually because they don't have valid arguments on their side.

*Now, halting donations and returning one's merit badges is one thing. But those cities' efforts to squelch the Scouts were flatly unconstitutional. In fact, the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in December shot down San Diego's craven decade-old move to deprive the Scouts of their facilities on Balboa Island.*

Ben, you didn't bother to read the case did you? The 9th Circuit Court did not rule that San Diego's efforts were unconstitutional, they ruled that the Boy Scout's lease with the city was not unconstitutional because they weren't trying to advance a religion but merely promoting youth activities.

*Despite winning in court every time, the Boy Scouts may surrender anyway.*

Ben, looking like the bigots that they are, may finally have made them realize that it's time they joined the 21st century rather than promoting an ancient, vile moral system that has brought little more than suffering and death to large parts of humanity.

*What a shame.*

Yeah Ben, those were the good old days, weren't they?

When negroes knew their place; when women stayed out of voting booths; when Atheists huddled in the closet with Gays, afraid that Ghost Worshippers may find out the truth and ruin their lives.

They just don't make 'property' like they used to, do they?

*In the end, money may matter more than principle.*

Actually Ben, it's been that way for a long time. But humans are slowly changing. They are becoming more civilized and less violent. Principle is beginning to matter more than money. A good example was slavery. That was an issue that your side lost in the Civil War, Ben.

As we see almost daily in the news, liberals usually line up on the side of the poor, the elderly, the sick, and minorities; while conservatives always seem to side with the money. That would be your side, Ben.

*If the Scouts ultimately decide to let local chapters determine their membership rules, three things will happen. First, the ACLU and its allies will concentrate their fire on small scouting chapters that lack the resources of the national organization to defend themselves. Second, churches will abandon the organization in droves.*

Ben, according to every poll on the internet, at the rapid rate that Christianity is declining, the churches may not be around long enough to abandon anyone; and Ben ... that's a good thing.

*Third, and finally, a unique organization with a century-long tradition of teaching boys to be self-reliant men - "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight" - will have been lost in the rising tide of political correctness.*

Ben, what you fail to realize is that these changes *are* waking people up mentally, and *are* straightening out their morals. Political correctness describes the bigotry of the organization in the past. It was politically correct to discriminate against gays and Atheists. Now humans are beginning to realize ...

that was simply wrong.

*But postmodern liberal pieties will be well affirmed. Apparently, that's the only thing that matters.*

Ben, lookup the word 'piety'. You're misusing it. That's because you are trying to equate liberal advances in society with your ancient, disgusting moral code: the Bible.

But they will never be equal, Ben;

we don't approve of slavery ... anymore.