
What Does Winning Look Like?

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Terms often mean different things to different people; let's look at the term 'winning'.

In sports, winning and losing are typically determined by points on the scoreboard, but what about the scenario where two runners are nearing the finish and one of them trips and falls? Then the other runner stops to help him to his feet while the 3rd place runner dashes to the finish line only to be declared the winner. Yes, the runner crossing the finish line first is the winner by contest rules, but is there not another winner or perhaps a hero in the story?

What about the individual who takes a stand for Godly principles at a school debate club only to be ridiculed and called a hater and a loser, while the other debater defending behaviour that goes beyond God's boundaries receives boisterous cheers and is declared the winner; is there perhaps a hero here as well?

Then, there is a political party that is founded on Biblical principles in keeping with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms that takes on the task of defending women from having to compete against biological males in sports or having to try to be comfortable with biological males entering their public intimate facilities such as washrooms, change rooms and showers, or if not, being required to leave and use the single cell facility and other circumstances that leave females vulnerable.

This party also takes a stand in speaking up for the protection of minors being subjected to social and sexual 'transitioning' practices given the lifelong and irreversible harm they would be consenting to while not having the ability to fully understand the severity of following this path.

In 2016, this party wanted to have public dialogue, regarding the City of Hamilton public policy that allowed biological males to enter and use women's public, intimate facilities. So, to raise public awareness about this policy, the party entered into a contract with the City's ad agent to place an ad that displayed an image of a male beginning to push open a door with a sign reading 'Ladies Showers' and the caption, 'Competing Human Rights . . . Where is the justice?' on four City of Hamilton bus shelters for four weeks. The ads had only been up for several days when the City took them down on the basis (they claimed) that the ad portrayed trans-identifying in a bad way. This party took the City to Court and in 2018 won a unanimous victory!

In the ruling the judges wrote: [39] **"The right to free speech has been recognized as a fundamental ingredient to the proper functioning of democracy for hundreds of years. As a consequence, it has been protected by constitutions, laws, and courts across numerous jurisdictions. Conversely, a lack of free speech is a common attribute of dictatorships and tyrannical regimes."**

And, [53] **"The decision being made in this instance is not one that is trifling, ephemeral or marginal in importance. Instead, it is a decision of profound significance in so far as it balances**

rights of a registered political party to engage in political speech as against the rights of a group of people to be free from purported discriminatory speech.”

That looks like winning!

Then, in 2023, with the sudden increase in transgender ideology in public policy, this party decided to state its position on the topic once again on City of Hamilton bus shelters. The proposed ad had an image of a modestly dressed young woman and the caption, ‘Woman: An adult female.’ This time, the City rejected the ad before it was ever placed saying, **“At first glance, the advertisement which presents a cis-gender woman with the caption “Woman: an Adult Female” states a simple definition that can be found in most dictionaries.”**

And, **“The message of the advertisement supports a traditional and biologically determined definition of gender, in line with conservative values. The definition is by its nature, narrow and exclusionary, and does not acknowledge the lived experiences of transgender and non-binary individuals who identify as women.”**

Having won with a strong ruling in 2018, we thought surely this too would be a victory, but times have changed! It seems such that we lost in Divisional Court and just recently in the Ontario Court of Appeal. Three years of effort and substantial finances were spent. Of course, there will be those that may call the party a loser, but is it? When a federal party intentionally stands for principles that honour God, are they not always on the winning side? I say “yes!”

If this party does not promote and defend Biblical principles in the political sphere, then who will?

This party is the Christian Heritage Party of Canada (CHP Canada) and now—once again—we need your financial help.¹ The judgment against us was \$36,500 and we will soon have to make that payment. Will you come alongside of us with a financial contribution¹ of \$100, \$200 or even \$400 today? Remember, if you still pay income tax that the first \$400 receives a generous \$300 tax credit, so your net cost will be only \$100. Please pray about this, but don’t delay; we need every member to contribute as they are able.¹

CHP Canada will continue to stand up for our heritage of rights and freedoms. Please join us in this battle with your financial help.

Footnotes

¹ app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/ChristianHeritagePartyofCa/DefendWomen.html

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