

Boy Scouts' Decision Is Another Casualty of Moral Compromise

Family Research Council (FRC) expresses deep disappointment at the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) for changing their long-standing position Thursday on membership regarding open homosexuality within the Scouts.

"Sadly, the Boy Scouts' legacy of producing great leaders has become yet another casualty of moral compromise," FRC President Tony Perkins says. "Unfortunately, Boy Scout delegates capitulated to strong-arm tactics and abandoned the timeless values that have served the organization well for more than 100 years. The delegates succumbed to a concerted and manipulative effort by the national BSA leadership despite the BSA's own survey showing 61 percent of its members in opposition to changing the policy."

Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel David Cortman agrees: "Sadly, the Boy Scouts Executive National Council's decision disregards not only the nearly 19,000 Americans who signed a petition urging BSA to 'uphold the values that have defined the organization for over 100 years,' but also the millions of Americans who have supported the program.

"Those promoting the agenda to change what the Boy Scouts have always been won't rest until there is complete acceptance of any sexual preference for both leaders and members. With its decision today, BSA has rejected its freedom to promote and practice the values that have served to shape our nation's boys into leaders for the last century."

Perkins adds, "The Boy Scouts has for decades been a force for moral integrity and leadership in the United States. BSA councils, Scouting parents and leaders of the faith-based

organizations that charter over two-thirds of the packs and troops must now decide how to respond to this moral compromise. Many will separate from the organization so that they can continue to foster character among boys and respect the right of parents to discuss issues of sexuality with their sons.

“It is clear that the current BSA leadership will bend with the winds of popular culture, and the whims of liberal special interest groups. There is little doubt that God will soon be ushered out of Scouting. Now is the time for new leadership. In the meantime, we will stand with those BSA Councils who will now act to protect boys from a new policy that only creates moral confusion and disrespects the views of the vast majority of Scouting parents.”

On Friday at 5:05 p.m. EST, Texas Gov. Rick Perry will appear on *Washington Watch With Tony Perkins* to offer his reaction to the outcome of the resolution. Listen online at .