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## The DUP and its changed stance on sodomy

In an article dated Saturday 05 January 2013, the "Belfast Newsletter" disclosed that back in 1982 the DUP was furious at the prospects of gay law reforms. (<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/northern-ireland-news/1982-dup-furious-at-gay-law-reforms-1-4648579>)

The article quoted a DUP submission to the British Government in April of that year.

The article stated: "The DUP's unanimous view that homosexuality should remain a serious criminal offence in Northern Ireland in 1982 is forcefully expressed in a newly-released Cabinet paper document.



**DUP leader and his deputy, Dr Paisley and Peter Robinson**

In a submission to the Government, dated April 30 of that year, the party articulates fierce and detailed opposition to plans to legalise homosexuality, which the DUP paper links to paedophilia.

The Newsletter article continued:

"The DUP paper also refers to 'widespread' opposition to legalisation outside the party, including from other parties, the Protestant churches, the Catholic church and "almost all" councils.

The DUP submission then explains the basis of the party's opposition: "The DUP adamantly believes that homosexuality and its proposed legalisation, is in direct defiance of the law and word of God and cannot be justified from any Christian, moral, religious or ethical perspective." The draft Homosexual Offences Order, it adds, is "a scandalous surrender to a tiny minority campaign for homosexuality to be treated as a normal way of life, instead of a harmful deviance".

The proposal to legalise homosexuality is described as "but a dangerous revolutionary first step" towards "efforts to present homosexuality as normal". In further blistering comments, the DUP document continues: "The effect of the law as a restraint on bestiality, incest and rape will be further reduced."

The party was responding to the draft Homosexual Offences Order that sought to decriminalise same-sex activity between consenting male adults over 21, which was then illegal (there was never a prohibition on female homosexuality).

How times have changed and here is a picture to prove it!!

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### Statement

In a statement regarding the City Hall gathering of sodomites, Mr Kingston sought to distance himself from the affair. In a statement, issued on the Lord's Day, he said: "For clarity, I did not 'launch the festival' but did give a welcome address at a pre-event drinks reception at City Hall." "I welcomed the attendees to City Hall and wished them an enjoyable evening."

The DUP Lord Mayor of Belfast, Brian Kingston, alongside 'gay' members of the PSNI at a function to mark the beginning of 'Gay Pride' 2016.

The PSNI had posted a picture of the Lord Mayor with the following message: "Members of PSNI Gay Police



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Association & Lord Mayor Alderman Brian Kingston at the launch of @belfastpride Festival."

From "Saving Ulster from sodomy" to welcoming the participants in a 'Gay Pride' festival to the City Hall is quite a step.

From saying that "homosexuality and its proposed legalisation, is in direct defiance of the law and word of God and cannot be justified from any Christian, moral, religious or ethical perspective" and that legalising sodomy is "a scandalous surrender to a tiny minority campaign for homosexuality to be treated as a normal way of life, instead of a harmful deviance" to wishing an enjoyable evening to sodomites in the City Hall is quite a step indeed!

But it is one that the DUP has taken and that in search of votes and a desire to maintain its 'top of the heap' political position.

Of course, this is not the first participation with a "Gay Pride" event for the DUP. In 2012, the then DUP Lord Mayor, Gavin Robinson (now DUP MP for East Belfast) agreed to be part of a panel discussion as part of the gay pride festival. It was believed to have been the first time a politician from the DUP had attended such an event.

This downward slide by the DUP from a position in which the Word of God governed its view of sodomy to the present position, obviously dictated by public opinion, has taken place without a murmur, publicly at least, from any of those who profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ within the DUP's elected representatives.

There may have been voices raised against sodomy here and there but none challenging their party's departure from its former stance.

I can only ask the likes of Rev William McCrea, Nigel Dodds, Gregory Campbell, Mervyn Storey etc., how they can square their ongoing allegiance to a party which has overthrown the Word of God on this most evil of practices, with their professed obedience to God's Word?

No one can be both for the Bible and for a political party that has ditched the Bible. To try and maintain links with both produces the most craven two-facedness!

What the DUP predicted in 1982 would be the impact upon the nation of legalising sodomy will be seen upon the DUP now that it has begun surreptitiously to give its sanction to it.

In 1982 the DUP submitted a document to the Northern Ireland Office in which it stated: "The DUP declares its unalterable opposition to the proposals ... to legalise homosexuality in Northern Ireland contrary to the declared wishes of the majority of people of the Province."

Where now the "unalterable opposition" to sodomy.

To those Christians within the DUP we quote the words of the Saviour.

"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon," Matthew 6:24.

Who is it you love and who is it you hate?? Is it God or mammon?



**Gavin Robinson is pictured here with Sinn Fein MEP Martina Anderson at Belfast Pride Talks Back on Tuesday 31/7/12 at the Europa Hotel**



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"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them," Matthew 7:20.

Ivan Foster.

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