

APPENDIX F KANSAS CORRUPTION

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Reasons for Media Corruption

Does not contain a major media market. As a result, electronic media is dependent on newspapers for news tips and focus. Television and radio, lacking in resources and focus, primarily send young reporters (all looking to move somewhere else) to read the morning paper, pick up on the stories printed and then simply get some sound and/or video to add to the story for the evening news.

- The state has only two major daily newspapers, the *Kansas City Star* and the *Wichita Eagle*, both owned by McClatchey and with joint Kansas management.
- *The Kansas City Star* received the “Maggie Award” (named after Margaret Sanger) from Planned Parenthood in 2006 as appreciation for the Star’s coverage of the Planned Parenthood investigation.
- *The Kansas City Star’s* coverage included deception and falsehood and never truly included the fact that evidence obtained in the criminal investigation indicated that during a time when 166 abortions were performed on Kansas children that Planned Parenthood only reported one case of child rape.
- *The Kansas City Star* forwards its agenda through selective storytelling – refusing to report information and stories demonstrating public support or success of conservative initiatives and generating and manufacturing controversy which, otherwise, does not exist or has little import. Your story is one such example – I’ve experienced this tactic numerous times.
- Examples of stories *The Kansas City Star* spiked or edited to deflate impact:
 - >>> In 2006 I was endorsed for re-election by 89 Kansas Sheriff’s, including a majority of Democrat Sheriff’s. Morrison had one Sheriff endorsement. *The Kansas City Star* had reported for weeks that I did not have law enforcement support, all based on Morrison’s claims and paid campaign media. We announced the endorsement – but *The Kansas City Star* refused to print a story – finding it not newsworthy.
 - >>> In 2005 I was elected the President of the Midwest Association of Attorneys General, selected by 5 Republicans and 5 Democrats. I led the organization in the establishment of a model Cyber Crimes Task Force (CCTF) in Kansas City and also in other parts of the country. The CCTF has put hundreds of internet predators of children in prison. *The Kansas City Star* did a front page story on the Task Force – but simply omitted any reference to me or my office.

>>>In 2005 and 2006 I argued before the United States Supreme Court. *The Kansas City Star* hardly mentioned that I argued (at one point referring to me only as a state official) and then when the paper mentioned my argument – generated controversy over the fact I paid a Washington DC law firm \$35,000 in the case. *The Kansas City Star* claiming that a real Attorney General would not need to pay anyone. The fees related to printing our briefs, etc. Moreover, most attorneys general do not argue – the last in Kansas was Carla Stovall who paid more than \$300,000 to DC firms to help her prep.

- The Kansas Supreme Court: Kansas has the most cloistered system of selecting supreme court justices in our nation. The Justices are appointed for life without need for confirmation. A committee selected by the state bar association and with members appointed by the Governor, behind closed doors, selects three nominees. Those nominees are forwarded to the Governor who selects one person who then is appointed to the court for life. Accordingly, the court does not have any accountability.
- State politics: State politics are increasingly dominated by Johnson County due to its wealth and population. The County was essentially created by JC Nichols capitalizing on the white flight from the Kansas City, Missouri school district and forced integration- busing could not take place across state lines. The county has maintained a top down power structure and is now governed by a maze of interlocking appointed boards. The elimination of party labels has added to the lack of political accountability. Millions of dollars of government funds flow with little or no accountability. It is this flow of funds about which the power politics of Johnson County is most protective. Social issues are considered at minimum a distraction and most commonly as a threat to that power structure. Those discussing or raising such issues are marginalized in the effort to minimize the ability of such issues to threaten that power structure.
- The abortion culture: Planned Parenthood, The Stowers Institute, Democrat politics, the local Chambers of Commerce – are all anti-life. Stowers has had a tremendous influence in reshaping abortion politics as a threat to economic health. Stowers, started by the Kansas City based founders of an immensely successful mutual fund, is a bio-research firm in Kansas City. Stowers has hundreds of millions of dollars of research monies much focused on embryonic stem-cell research, etc. Stowers has successfully reframed life issues as threats to science and economic development. Stowers, dependent organizations and Stowers spin-offs flow large amounts of independent monies into Kansas politics. These monies flow through organizations like: The Bluestem PAC (Sebelius' political action committee); Kansans for Consumer Protection Privacy; ProKanDo PAC, Kansans for a Traditional Republican Majority (a moderate-liberal pro-abortion Republican organization) etc.
- Planned Parenthood stood to lose all federal funding (more than \$300 million a year) due to my investigation – the only criminal investigation ever of PP. They

poured millions into Kansas through these various cut out organizations. All of this detail is available from Earl Glynn.

The above combines with a culture that has been anesthetized by a culture which proclaims that truth is dead and that all decisions reflect the exercise of a right – even decision that harm others. In other words – who are we to say something is wrong. Secular humanism has removed the ability for a people to proclaim something to be right or wrong.

Most are busy in the suburbs and do not want to be discomforted with the truth – and so, stood silent as *The Kansas City Star* targeted Johnston. You are a messenger that challenges and thereby discomforts. The worst act in a world without truth – is to proclaim one!