



Who Gets Us? The Super Bowl ad and how to Reverse an Adoption

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FIRST, thank you to Lynelle Long, founder of Inter Country Adoptee Voices, for sharing this aspect of her story with us. Please check out the link in the caption (and in my stories) for full access and links to the resources Lynelle shares throughout the article.

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Adopted for 32 years and now FREE!

by **Lynelle Long**, Vietnamese ex-adoptee raised in
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I can officially now say, “***I WAS adopted***” as in, it is of the past. Now, my identity changes once again and I am no longer legally plenary adopted. I am my own person having made a clear and cognitive adult age decision that I want to be legally free of the people who looked after me since 5 months old. Mostly, I wanted to be legally recognised as my biological mother’s child and for the truth to be on my birth certificate and flowing into all my identity documents for the future. This also impacts my children and their future generations to ensure they do not have to live the lie of adoption either, but are entitled to their genetic truth of whom they are born to, multi generationally.

USA

Adoptees United: Examining the Right to end your own Adoption (webinar)

Can you Reverse an Adoption? Reversing an Adoption: Adopted child returned to birth parents (historically, legislation in countries to discharge / reverse an adoption was included to allow adoptive parents the right to undo the adoption if they felt it wasn't working out)

HCCH – Hague Intercountry Adoption

Convention : information collected from Central Authorities to summarise countries that allow annulment and revocation of adoption



I DISSENT

Examining the Right to Void Your Own Adoption

If the person thus adopted, is adopted while a minor, he may within one year after becoming of age, sign, seal, and acknowledge before proper authority, in the county in which the instrument of adoption was filed, a dissent from such adoption. Such instrument of dissent shall be recorded in such county court clerk's office, and upon the filing of the same the adoption shall be void. (Acts 1882, c. 132.)

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Sample adoption narrative: "Your birth mother was too poor to raise you, so she placed you for adoption. Therefore, you were adopted into God's family." [of course the narrative is more complex than that]

Question: Does God's family have enough money to purchase an ad in the Super Bowl?



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RELIGION

Behind the 'He Gets Us' ads for Jesus airing during the Super Bowl

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Heard on [All Things Considered](#)



9-Minute Listen



The "He Gets Us" campaign is spending millions of dollars on its Super Bowls ads to promote Jesus. NPR's Michel Martin speaks with journalist Josiah Daniels about the campaign and its purpose.

MARTIN: That's an ad from the He Gets Us campaign. It's a riveting series of ads that place the biblical figure into current newsworthy situations, like being a refugee or isolated loner or condemned prisoner. And they all end with the line, he gets us, all of us. That one we just heard has more than 100 million views on YouTube so far. And if the sponsors have their way, those ads will get many more eyes on them because if reports are accurate, the organizers, who include the conservative family that founded Hobby Lobby, have spent an estimated \$20 million on ads to air during the Super Bowl.

MARTIN: Do you think this is fundamentally a political difference - a difference of political priorities, or is this a theological difference, in that you in your Christian practice value social justice and perhaps they in their Christian practice value something else? Do you think it's that? What do you think?

DANIELS: Yeah, I mean, I do think that - I think that the confusing thing is that when you go to the site, they're using language like activist, like inclusive, like marginalized. You know, you'll go to the site, and you'll see that there are these multiple posts tagged with activist, justice, inclusive. And so they're using the language of social justice, but there's no material commitment to actually practicing social justice. So that disturbs me. But



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It's not my place, in this post, to get wrapped up in what is a civilian pursuit and what isn't. Whether institutionalized adoption is a part of that, or not. But it's a valid question to pose wonders about funding; who gets it and who doesn't; who relinquishes their children for adoption and who gets to adopt them.

How does this relate to revoking an adoption? For an adult adoptee to annul and "undo" the legal and relational contract?



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If we're complicit with removing children from families who are trying hard to parent them, would we also cooperate with other aspects of that journey?

E.g. adoption annulment

One expression of not conforming to the patterns of the world – is to revoke your relationship with those who adopted you into it. This might not be the only way to picture Way, Truth, and Life, but do you think it could be one of them?



Thank you for being here on this one, I know this could be a controversial topic but we need to give space for this so that those among us would be as informed and equipped as possible as they make decisions about their story.

Thank you again Lynelle for your work and voice in the community.



How have other adoptees navigated the process of adoption annulment, and which resources would you recommend for other adoptees interested in learning more about this aspect of the adoptee journey?



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