

TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

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Dear Eagles,

I hope you voted in the March Primary and attended your Precinct Meeting and Senatorial District Convention on March 26. If you receive this letter before March 26, remember we have Resolutions covering several areas of legislation on our website you can present to your Senatorial District Convention on or before March 26 (the Resolutions Committee at your Senatorial District will appreciate receiving resolutions at their committee meetings before the day of the Convention). Please continue to support your candidates in the May 24 run-off election.

This month's *Torch* identifies several of the social, political, and spiritual challenges we face. One of the most challenging is the impact of the radical Left's targeted campaigns on our children. We now see the culture hurtling toward an unrecognizable new normal, incongruent with biblical and foundational principles that once allowed children to grow up in innocence and become self-reliant, rugged individuals, who love God, family, and country, and will fight to keep her free.

Our theme is "Speak Up," with TEF editor, Marilyn Statler, writing about her journey as a young mom, after hearing Phyllis Schlafly discuss her 1984 book, *Child Abuse in the Classroom*. From 1984 to present day, Marilyn describes how our kids were being "sexualized" in public school classrooms, culminating with the hard-to-watch, but highly impactful new documentary called, *The Mind Polluters: Be Careful Little Eyes*. This film exposes the depths the radical Left has reached to manipulate the hearts, minds, and mental health of our precious children. If you have an opportunity to see and share this production, please do so.

Thankfully, parents and honest legislators are speaking out and taking ground at the same time. Florida recently passed a "Parental Rights in Education" bill that will protect and reinforce the fundamental right of parents to make decisions regarding the upbringing and control of their children. Children in grades K-3 will be protected from being forced to sit through instruction promoting sexual orientation and gender identity. Parents will have the right to withhold consent or decline health services offered through the school system. Texas *must* do the same.

TEF believes "*parents have the right to direct the moral and religious training of their children, and schools must not usurp that right.*" Two resolutions on our website address parental rights and education:

"A Parental Right to Know and Consent"

We call upon the legislature to respect and protect parental rights by enacting penalties for violations of parental rights and by requiring a Parent's Right to Know and Consent booklet be developed that contains all state and federal law that relates to education. The federal Pupil Protection Rights Amendment and the Children's Internet Protection Act should be codified in Texas law.

A detailed explanation of this resolution is on our website: texaseagleforum.com.

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Excerpts from “**Education Back to the Basics: K–12 Education in Texas**”

Whereas the American classical educational model instructs students in literature, mathematics, history, science, fine arts, Latin where possible, Western civilization, and regular participation in physical education; Whereas these courses give our students a solid foundation for creating their own future; Be it resolved, that the Texas K–12 Educational system must:

- 1. offer students a well-rounded education in the liberal arts and sciences;*
- 2. reject any teaching of CRT, “Woke” ideology, sex education, and gender fluidity;*
- 3. reject teaching any of the Leftist national core curricula and standards that have failed to encourage students to pursue knowledge ... in order to be equipped to steward our precious nation well.*

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton’s office recently published an opinion stating that using hormones, hormone blockers, and surgery to attempt to “change” the sex of a child under 18 is, in fact, “child abuse.” While Leftist judges and Democrat-run Texas cities have already stated publicly they will not support this opinion, two well-known gender modification clinics have paused their transgender treatment of minors. We clearly need to follow Florida’s lead in passing a law to disallow *any* medical practitioner from doing physical and/or mental harm in an attempt to “change” the sex of a minor.

The article on page three by Dan Redington reinforces the idea that we can no longer sit on the sidelines regarding our children’s education; his story has devastating results. We have to speak up and confront the Left on their destructive and twisted agenda if we want to protect our children and future generations.

As Christians, Acts 18:9–10 (NIV) tells us “*Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you*” Knowing God has my back gives me the passion and energy to fight for Texas families. The platform He has given me as president of TEF is to speak truth and work diligently to protect our conservative and biblical principles. He has given you a platform, too, within your circle of influence, through your prayers, and your support of TEF. Truly, together we will make a difference to save our children from the radical Left!

Faithfully For Texas,



Cindi Castilla
President of Texas Eagle Forum

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THE MIND POLLUTERS

BE CAREFUL LITTLE EYES

Exposing “The Mind Polluters” in the Classroom

By **Marilyn Statler**, Texas Eagle Forum Editor

As with most young moms in the 80s, I naively assumed my daughter was getting a good education in public school—after all I was a graduate of the public school system. That changed in 1985 when I attended an Education Seminar, sponsored by Texas Eagle Education Forum (TEEF), with co-sponsors Texas Eagle Forum and Dallas Eagle Forum. I had never heard of the keynote speaker,

a woman named Phyllis Schlafly, whose 1984 book, *Child Abuse in the Classroom*, had become a national best seller.

Phyllis’ book was a compilation of U.S. Department of Education hearings from parents in the 80s who testified on the proposed Hatch Amendment. Their stories were shocking and heartbreaking as they told how their children were being “pumped” for personal feelings, information, and values in

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the classroom without parental knowledge or consent. She called those surveys “nosy.” Actually, they were criminal.

One mother told of a questionnaire her 12-year-old daughter had to fill out for her health class on her views of life and death. She was asked, “What reasons would motivate you to commit suicide?” Also, “she was given a list of ten ways of dying, including violent death” and asked to list them in order of “most to least preferred.” Another parent told of how his junior high son had to sit in a group of five or six and think up synonyms for reproductive body parts, then rearrange in couples and engage in a three minute conversation using as many of those words as possible.

Parents angrily testified that their children’s curriculum was infused with “violent, disturbing books and films, materials emphasizing parental conflict, death, drugs, mental illness and despair, explicit pornographic instruction in sex education, and hopelessness resulting from preoccupation with ‘inevitable nuclear war.’” The proposed amendment, the “Protection of Pupil Rights Act,” passed but was never enforced, and child abuse in the classroom continued.

I joined Dallas Eagle Forum and, as a former educator, became involved in reviewing English Literature and Health textbooks up for adoption in Texas. Some of what I read in those textbooks matched what the seminar had discussed: high school English literature books in the late 80s and early 90s contained negative and depressing stories—certainly not uplifting nor with a teachable moral. The reproductive health sections in Health books encouraged teen sexual activity, gave instructions on contraceptives, and listed Planned Parenthood as a resource.

Teaching middle and high school kids condom use in a mixed classroom setting became the norm in the 90s. Conservative and Christian parents and pastors were up in arms, but local school boards overruled them. Sound familiar?

In 1994, a children’s sex education book, *It’s Perfectly Normal*, was introduced into public schools and libraries. This full color book for grades 5–9 (ages 9–12) discussed sexual health, puberty, pregnancy, birth control, and homosexuality with sexually explicit illustrations that would make a sailor blush. Once a child opened the book, his memory was seared by graphic language, full-frontal illustrations of naked adults and children, couples in various sexual positions, same-sex couples, and children examining their reproductive body parts.

Our kids were intentionally being sexualized to accept pre-teen and teen sex as “perfectly normal” and told their parents’ religious or moral values of waiting until marriage were old-fashioned. Not surprisingly, teenage pregnancy skyrocketed, as did the rate of teen abortions. *It’s Perfect Normal* proudly became one of the most banned books in the American Library Association’s annual “Banned Book Week.” Sadly, the book is still in schools and libraries today, and updated versions include transgenderism and gender fluidity promoted as “perfectly normal.”

Through the years, we have seen federal education “reforms” infiltrate the public schools, including Goals 2000, School-to-Work, Outcome Based Education (OBE), No Child Left Behind, Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE), Common Core, and more recently, Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Critical Race

Theory (CRT), and the LGBTQ+ agenda. All have failed our kids. American children have fallen further and further behind in math, reading comprehension, science, and writing, etc. Instead of focusing on the basics, public schools have used curricula to dumb down our kids, rewrite American history, and change their attitudes, values, and beliefs. This value-neutral belief system, aimed at capturing the hearts and minds of our children, is anti-family, anti-morality, and anti-religion.

Fast-forward to today where parents nationwide are again in an uproar as they learn that their children’s attitudes, values, and beliefs are being remediated in the classroom. The values taught at home are being replaced with an even more radical agenda.

Our kids were intentionally being sexualized to accept pre-teen and teen sex as “perfectly normal” ...

I recently attended a viewing of a new feature-length documentary, *The Mind Polluters*, which gives a disturbing and shocking look at what is happening in today’s classrooms to normalize all kinds of sexual behavior. The producers of the film say children as young as pre-school are being “groomed for sex, homosexuality, and pedophilia. Worse, it is deliberate, planned, and by design.”

Rooted in false “scientific” data from Alfred Kinsey that all children are sexual beings from birth, sex educators in public schools are teaching illicit material in the classroom that would be considered pornographic everywhere else. And most is without parental knowledge or consent. In the film, Audrey Werner, a nurse and former sex educator, says, “Kids used to be taught about biology, birth control. Now anything goes.”

Obscene material becomes “non-obscene as soon as it gets into the school library,” reports lawyer Mary McAlister in the film. “If you handed it out to kids on the street you would be arrested.”

Erin Anderson, Senior Journalist with Texas Scorecard, writes, “The film documents the origins and damaging effects of graphic Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE) and brain-rewiring Social Emotional Learning (SEL) being pushed through the education system on children as young as pre-school age in Texas and across the country. *The Mind Polluters* also explores the fight to overturn ‘obscenity exemptions’ in Texas and other states. Such laws allow otherwise illegal sexually explicit material to be available to minors in public schools and libraries.”

Mrs. Werner has testified in Austin against the obscenity in public schools and says, “Texas was first to go after obscenity exemptions ... [but] there is great resistance” even among Republican legislators. That has to change.

We, who have been in the battle for years, know the radical agenda to take our kids has not changed. Child abuse in the classroom is evil, godless, and destructive to children, families, and to the moral health of a nation.

The good news is THIS generation of parents is waking up and showing up at local schools and school board meetings protesting CRT, CSE, and pornographic books and materials available in classrooms and school libraries. Have we awakened a sleeping giant of Mama and Papa Bears? For our children's sake, I pray so.

NOTE: The Mind Polluters is a must-see for parents and concerned citizens. Go to www.fearlessfeatures.org/themindpolluters to view the trailer and future dates of showings. Parents, read your

child's books and assignments, and speak up if you see a red flag. Find other parents who feel the same and, together, let your concerns be known to the teacher, librarian, principal, and school board.

TEF has been on the forefront of fighting for Texas children and will continue to do so. We will work with legislators and other organizations to outlaw the obscenity exemption in public schools in the 2023 legislative session in Austin.

The Perils of Politeness in an Era of Activism

Condensed from an article by **Dan Redington**,
The American Thinker, 2/4/22

The western world is currently engaged in a very real struggle, with the majority of generally good people on one side and a small number of perpetually offended activists and their trained student contingent on the other. We in the majority would like nothing more than to be left alone. We do not wish to harm or offend anyone, but we have arrived at a moment in our cultural evolution where our very existence is the offense. We are not allowed to exist in the world envisioned by these ignorant, moralizing children, and at the core of all their scattered and incoherent ideology is the authoritarian fist of a bully.

They have pushed us around for decades and we have meekly submitted to their increasingly bizarre worldview, naively believing that they would someday grow out of their youthful angst. The difference here is that these people have gone beyond the Frankfurt School's dream of infiltrating the institutions and have now bullied their way into every aspect of our world.

Why has this been allowed to happen, you ask? Because we have been too polite ... and if you get right down to the heart of it, in our words and deeds, we have been cowards.

Not long ago, the consequences of this culturally compliant cowardice came crashing directly into my world. A person in my life—a beautiful, intelligent, sensitive individual—whom I genuinely love, went off to college, and wouldn't you know it, she had a revelation. Believe it or not, she is trans. Always has been, too. Just never acted on it or mentioned it, or possibly even considered it until she arrived at college. I will concede that it is likely she had been previously indoctrinated to some degree online, but nothing happened until she went off to school. The enabling structures aligned with the university provided her with a regimen of testosterone, a good dose of encouragement, and off she went on her way to becoming a man she currently believes she always was.

As she injects experimental levels of synthetic hormones formulated in a lab into her body, everyone around her applauds. No one dares ask her how she came to this realization. No one points to the well-hidden but growing number of detransitioning individuals who realized too late that they made a horrible life-altering mistake. No one stops to say "wait, is there maybe something else going on in your life? Is it possible—just possible—that this radical step isn't the magical solution you have been led to believe it is?" Not even professional therapists are allowed to do anything other than affirm a child's self-diagnosis. [Twenty-two states, including Texas, do allow conversion therapy.]

Her own family doesn't know what to do because these activists have intimidated lawmakers ... into passing legislation where if she threatens suicide then you had better affirm her self-diagnosis of gender dysphoria, or you could be criminally prosecuted. This is accomplished under the pretense that asking a young person if they're sure they are trans is somehow tantamount to conversion therapy. If you do not support her injecting unstudied levels of hormones into her perfectly functioning body and then further support her as she engages in irreversible surgeries that destroy natural biological function and could easily leave her sterile, then you are a criminal. You are the source of hate. For trying to protect your daughter from a cult that demands she concede her own unique and perfect body is something that she must reject, something she needs to medically alter—its madness. And this is at the college level. What is happening to minors as young as four years old in our society is truly monstrous.

But again, how did this happen? It boils down to one thing—We the people, the grownups of the West, have failed to speak the truth. There is such a thing as objective truth in this world, but we have allowed a confluence of post-modernists, aging '60s professors, infiltrating Marxists, and Democrat party activists of every stripe to contemptuously run roughshod over society, implementing their feelings as policy while ignoring truth and pretending reality they disagree with simply does not exist.

This cowardice must end. We must speak up today. Remember, courage is contagious, truth is objective, and reality, in the end, will always win. We are on the side of truth; they are, at best, woefully misguided. We see value in the physical and cultural structures of our world; they are engaged on multiple fronts on the intentional destruction of western civilization. We are right and they are wrong. Let's stop being so damn polite about it.



Dems' Abortion Bill Shows First Priorities

For the men and women milling about the Senate floor, it was a surreal moment. They'd been back in session barely two hours—the first time, many will point out, since Vladimir Putin unleashed his war against the West. But instead of joining the rest of the world in racing to stop the threat against Europe, Democrats had other priorities: the spilling of innocent blood here at home. For the President's party, the timing of their unlimited abortion bill vote will be another thing Americans won't forget this November. It was a disturbing snapshot of the Left's leadership team, who made one of the first orders of business after Russia invaded Ukraine advancing their own war on the unborn. Thankfully, the so-called "Women's Protection Act" failed to get even a simple majority vote and fell short of the 60 votes needed. SOURCE: Family Resource Council, 3/2/22

Biden's Radical Pick for the U.S. Supreme Court

President Biden announced Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as his nominee to replace Justice Stephen Breyer on the U.S. Supreme Court. Judge Jackson currently serves on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, an appellate court often referred to as the second highest court in the country, and was a law clerk for Justice Breyer. Judge Jackson has taken radical, liberal positions throughout her career. Not only has she shown troubling positions on religious freedom, her views and judicial philosophy are far outside the mainstream on issues including free speech, the 2nd Amendment, individual rights, the sanctity of life, and the separation of powers. Underscoring the character of her record, Judge Jackson has been endorsed by Planned Parenthood, the Center for Reproductive Rights, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Human Rights Campaign, Demand Justice, and other radical organizations. Americans across the country face growing attacks on their freedoms, especially on their right to freely live out their faith. They cannot afford a Supreme Court justice who is an enemy of religious liberty. SOURCE: Kelly Shackelford, *Liberty Flash News*, 2/25/22

The Media's Coverage of "Climate Change" Has Sunk to a New Low

The Associated Press declared on February 15th that it is no longer "wary" of accepting millions of dollars in outside group money to expand the news company's climate change coverage. The mainstream media, led by the Associated Press, is now publicly admitting they are just phoning in their coverage on 'climate change.' Led by the Rockefeller Foundation and others, the AP will be parroting what the ideological activist groups' funding pays for, while actual news will be tossed aside. "The AP will now have zero obligation to serve as watchdogs over public affairs and government and instead be approved messaging lapdogs to their paymasters," states Marc Moreno with Climate Depot. "Will the AP ever offend their donors and look critically at the UN IPCC climate panel? Or NASA? It's a laughable thought." SOURCE: Climate Depot, 2/15/22

Quote of the Month

"We are now engaged in a great spiritual battle, being attacked by great evil. Both our nations are headed full-speed toward totalitarian control. If that little voice inside you says this is wrong ... speak up. Have the courage to say NO! It was always Christianity (not religion) that protected the weak from the strong. And it is Christianity that is in their crosshairs."

~ Ray Di Lorenzo, "Oh Canada, The Globalists Mean Business," *Canada Free Press*, 2/21/22

Great American Quote

"There is a certain enthusiasm in liberty that makes human nature rise above itself, in acts of bravery and heroism."

~ Alexander Hamilton

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