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The Left's "Parents Are The Enemy" Scheme

By **Linda Harvey**, missionamerica.com, 11/16

Children should learn to distrust their parents, keep secrets from them, and make decisions without parental input. Parents, as we all know, stand in the way of progress, dreams, and desires.

Transgender and homosexual activists, on the other hand, are totally trustworthy, even if they pose as teachers, health professionals, or school counselors.

This is how progressives think, yet most of us would disagree. "Parents are the enemy" is too often today's default narrative disseminated throughout the public education establishment, propelled by the sexual anarchist Left.

Two recent issues highlight this trend. One is a lawsuit just filed in Minnesota by mother Anmarie Calgaro against a school, several health providers, and social service agencies.

Why? Because her minor son is receiving medical treatment with the objective of "becoming" a female, and Calgaro was blocked from input into this life-changing decision. In fact, these defendants presumed Calgaro's son was an emancipated minor, when he is not.

Along these same lines, a recent bill introduced in the Texas Legislature would prohibit the violation of parental rights. The sponsor is state **Sen. Konni Burton**. The measure would bar schools from withholding medical and mental health information from parents. **SB 242 would clarify existing state law and prevent schools from adopting a secrecy posture toward parents.**

In a recent Texas controversy, students who identified as "transgender" in the Fort Worth Independent School District could depend on school officials to disclose that information

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only on a “need to know” basis, according to instructions from the superintendent, Dr. Kent Scribner. And sometimes, parents didn’t “need to know.” Scribner withdrew the faculty and staff directive after other Texas officials cried foul.

The homosexual activist community is screaming about Burton’s bill, claiming it would “out” students to their parents. And that, of course, might produce a positive outcome, since parents can often dissuade a confused child from starting down a path of life-destroying behavior.

Twitter comments accuse Sen. Burton of filing a bill that would “kill teens” or cause suicide. This is a common manipulative tactic of homosexual activists, holding communities hostage to the non-specific threats of youth self-harm. Many local and state pro-homosexual/transgender measures have been embraced after sensational prophecies based on unverifiable anecdotes.

Sen. Burton’s bill does not require schools to proactively notify all parents but only directs schools to respond to parent-initiated requests for academic, behavioral, or health records about a child.

The routine bypass of parents is a real problem and raises a whole host of questions. The abortion industry has been getting away with violating parental rights for several decades as clinics receiving Title X federal funds for contraceptive services are often allowed to treat minors without parental consent.

“Some teens are in danger if their backward parents learn about their daughter’s sexual choices,” is the standard clinic position. It’s not coincidental that abortuaries rake in piles of cash from the sexual promiscuity of vulnerable and confused young girls whose taxpaying parents are kept intentionally in the dark about a child’s high-risk behavior.

The Guttmacher Institute, established as the research arm of Planned Parenthood, says this: “Minors who are sexually active, pregnant, or infected with a sexually transmitted disease (STD) and those who abuse drugs or alcohol or suffer from emotional or psychological problems may avoid seeking care if they must involve their parents.”

So with this excuse in hand, the abortion industry, and now homosexual advocacy groups, claim to be acting in a minor’s best interests while initiating intrusive and life-altering medical treatment for that child. It may be an abortion on a 14-year-old, or in some states now (like Oregon), administration of hormone treatment of young teens for purported “sex change,” all without any parent’s knowledge or consent.

How is this a good thing? It won’t be long before 13- or 14-year-old boys can be surgically castrated without parental consent, all because they “needed” this horrific procedure, which many would consider child mutilation and abuse. The destructive trend will continue until concerned taxpaying parents start saying, “No way.”

Planned Parenthood’s deceptive standard of “care” is to ally with the girl against her parents in a diabolical corruption scheme that sometimes involves murder. The intentional destruction of one’s own child is an act that has life-long consequences for every mother. And we are letting our girls be drawn into such actions, all with taxpayer support of these blood-drenched clinics.

Virtually all parents love and want the best for their children. Only a tiny minority will ever act without a child’s long-term welfare in mind. Yet the current leftist “presumption of harm” by parents is too often the prevailing attitude. It’s an ungodly attempt to separate youth from the very people whose provision,

“It is never okay for a school to unilaterally decide to withhold certain information from the parents of a student. Unfortunately, a school in my district did just that. To make sure this doesn’t happen again, I filed SB242 that makes clear parents are entitled to accurate and truthful information about their child when they contact their school.”

~ Sen. Konni Burton, SD10

protection, and guidance will be the best recipe for their well-being. But, typical of Satan, those who want to mess with families will couch their harmful plans in terms of “help.”

Parents are the enemy in the warped and rebellious minds of most “LGBTQ” lobbyists. The evil strategy of youth-directed homosexual activism corrupts young minds and bodies. Then, when other people’s children predictably rebel and adopt bizarre, destructive identities and behaviors, the activists insist that parents be kept in the dark for fear of “harm” to the child—sometimes self-harm—which, ironically, these deviants may have callously enabled.

The hand grenade of supporting “LGBTQ” behavior is tossed into a school, yet the collateral damage is still blamed on local homes and churches—never on the “gay” community aggressively corrupting minors.

It’s exactly the opposite. These activists need to be expelled from every school, clinic, or youth organization where they work. Parental rights need to be affirmed and upheld in all U.S. schools, and those school administrators who don’t understand this need to lose their rights—to a high-paying, taxpayer-funded job.

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NOTE: TEF supports Sen. Burton’s bill, SB 242, as well as Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick’s proposed “The Women’s Privacy Act,” which would require people to use the restroom corresponding with the gender of their birth.

Ten Reasons Why I Am Pro-Life

By **Lauren Galvan**, studentsforlife.org, 4/28/15

While the pro-abortion side would like everyone to believe they are really pro-choice and not pro-abortion, it's truly a deception. Making abortion "safe, legal, and rare" is just smoke and mirrors. Abortion is a money-maker for places like Planned Parenthood, who rake in cash for committing one of every four abortions nationally.

Articles have popped up occasionally touting the fact that, yes, pro-abortion people are just that: in favor of, and happy about, abortion. To that end, Salon.com published a piece entitled "I am pro-abortion, not just pro-choice: 10 reasons why we must support the procedure and the choice." While it is a disturbing read, it clearly shines the light on those in opposition to the pro-life position.

Lauren Galvan, founder and president of Brown Students for Life, responded with a list of her own on why she's pro-LIFE:

- 1) I'm pro-life because being able to abort our offspring is not a fundamental right, and in fact is the complete antithesis of female empowerment and equality.
- 2) I'm pro-life because well-timed pregnancies give children a healthier start in life, but taking the lives of the babies who aren't well-timed and not providing mothers experiencing an unplanned pregnancy with the support she needs to carry the baby to term is wrong and needs to change.
- 3) I'm pro-life because I take motherhood seriously, and abortion and the lack of support society gives to women robs a mother of her chance to be one.
- 4) I'm pro-life because intentional childbearing helps couples, families, and communities to get out of poverty, but that doesn't justify aborting an unwanted human being. Each baby should be wanted and they are. Sometimes it just takes time for a family to find an unwanted baby, adopt her, and make her part of the family.
- 5) I'm pro-life because reproduction is a highly imperfect process, and even babies whose genes decide to go against them deserve to see the world—even if it is just for a short period of time.
- 6) I'm pro-life because I think morality is about the well-being of sentient [human] beings, including the pre-born, who are human and can feel and perceive things as well.
- 7) I'm pro-life because, though contraceptives are imperfect, and people are too, babies should not have to suffer the death penalty because of faulty man-made creations or mistakes.



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- 8) I'm pro-life because I believe in mercy, grace, compassion, and the power of fresh starts. Just because abortion is legal now doesn't mean we can't create a new culture of life—one in which all pre-born children and all mothers are protected and honored by the law.
- 9) I'm pro-life because the future is always in motion, and we have the power and responsibility to shape it well. **Abortion, the greatest human rights violation of my generation, will end in my lifetime.**
- 10) I'm pro-life because I love my future daughters and would never deny them the right to live, no matter how they were conceived or when they were conceived. As a mother, I would do everything in my power to ensure that my daughter first lives, and then lives well.

Students for Life of America's mission is **“to abolish abortion in our lifetime.”**

NOTE: The 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court's unconstitutional and tragic decision to legalize abortion, is January 22. On January 19, TEF President Trayce Bradford will join others to pray at the courthouse where Roe originated. Please join her and TEF in praying for an end to America's Holocaust.

Gov. Abbott Stands Firm on Life

Governor Greg Abbott is sticking to his guns on the new rules requiring burial or cremation of fetal remains. Opponents are threatening to challenge the rule in court. The *Texas Tribune* reported that the Governor said he thinks the remains of fetuses should not be “treated like medical waste and disposed of in landfills.” He added, “It is imperative to establish higher standards that reflect our respect for the sanctity of life.” It is important to note that the current rules apply only to tissue generated by the healthcare facility. If a woman miscarries at home there is no requirement to carry the fetal tissue or blood products of a miscarriage to a doctor’s office or hospital. Lawyers for pro-abortion groups have filed a lawsuit in hopes of stalling the change it calls an “insult” to Texas women.

SOURCE: Breitbart.com, 9/25/16, and *The Dallas Morning News*, 12/13/16

Planned Prosecution for Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood (PP) recently learned it was being recommended for prosecution from the House’s Select Panel on Infant Lives. A year into the investigation of Cecile Richards’ group, the committee believes it has ample evidence of “potential criminal activity.” Several groups have been swept up in the panel’s net, including Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, StemExpress, DaVinci Biosciences, and others who had referrals to buy “tissue.” Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), led the charge to hold these groups accountable, and believes that this validates the long and difficult process of trying to bring PP to justice. With the clouds of suspicion still hanging over PP, the new Congress shouldn’t hesitate to use the reconciliation process to redirect tax dollars away from PP to community health centers who operate under the law.

SOURCE: Family Research Council, 12/2/16

TSU Seeks “Sanctuary Campus”

Texas State University students hopped on the collegiate “sanctuary campus” bandwagon (along with University of North Texas and Texas Women’s University), petitioning their administrative leaders to declare the school a safe haven for illegal alien students, staff, and community members. So far, nearly 800 students, alumni, faculty, employees, and others signed the petition created in November. Petitioners urged TSU to adopt “sanctuary campus” policies and uphold the controversial 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, signed into law by President Obama via executive order. Student Julia Estrada, President of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), told the campus newspaper: “As a Latino-serving institution devoted to diversity, it should be our objective to represent all students, including undocumented ones.” Gov. Abbott said he would cut funding to any public university that declares itself a sanctuary campus.

SOURCE: Merrill Hope, Breitbart.com, 12/1/16

Kid’s Magazine Caves to LGBTQ

Highlights, the nationally recognized magazine for kids, has decided to include same-sex families in their magazines. Babies and preschoolers will soon be introduced to homosexuality in the *Highlights* line of magazines. Sadly, children’s publications are no longer off limits, even those designed specifically for toddlers and elementary age children. *Highlights* had stated previously that they believe parents should decide when to bring up the topic of homosexuality. But after backlash from the LGBT community, *Highlights* committed to including same-sex families in future publications. *Highlights’* Christine Cully said, “When we do show families in the magazines, we make it a point to include diversity. We strive to be diverse in every way... In the future, we will depict same-sex families in our magazines in a manner consistent to the way all diverse families are depicted.” Many parents and grandparents buy subscriptions to these magazines and should be warned of the upcoming change in these kids’ magazines. It is not *Highlights’* job to introduce so-called “social issues” to children. That is a parent’s role.

SOURCE: AFA, 12/8/16

Quote of the Month

“Millennials have grown up amid the grim images of abortion and its aftermath. For many, the willful destruction of life in the womb seems less an act of ‘reproductive freedom’ than an act of violence against an innocent victim. All of them know someone who has had a legal abortion; they need only look in a mirror to see someone else who could have been lawfully aborted.”

~ Columnist Jeff Jacoby, “American Millennials Rethink Abortion,” *Boston Globe*, 6/9/15

Great American Quote

“I’ve noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born.”

~ President Ronald Reagan

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