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THE PARENT BRIGADE

Fighting for the survival of America by
UNIFYING, EDUCATING, and EMPOWERING
parents to defend their rights at all levels of government

PARENT'S CHECK LIST

- Are you concerned about certain curriculum and outside organizations infiltrating the classrooms with propaganda? Use this template [OPT OUT FORM](#) and adjust to fit your family's needs.
- Are you concerned about medical and mental health services being administered to your child? Write a refusal letter for any medical (ex. eye exams, dental exams) and mental health services (including SEL, evaluations, and surveys).
- Send an introductory email to all teachers and school administrators including the aforementioned opt-out form and refusal letters. Request a confirmation from teachers and school administrators.
- Learn about every app used at school; download and navigate through each and every layer.
- Have age-appropriate family conversations about not sharing personal information with anyone at school.

Questions for teachers:

- What are the disciplinary procedures in the classroom?
- What are the grading guidelines, including retake policy and homework policy?
- How are Chromebooks and/or other school issued devices monitored?
- What is the data privacy policy to protect my child's data?
- How will parents be notified about books being read in the classroom, curriculum, surveys, field trips, etc?
- What is the school policy on restroom use? Who has access to the girls restroom and boys restroom? Locker room? (yes, unfortunately parents do need to ask)
- Can I review the curriculum?

Parent extra credit:

- Follow Deb Fillman (Courage is a Habit), Officer Gomez, and Dr. James Lindsay on social media.
- Mark your calendar for every school board meeting and plan to attend.
- Plan to attend Back to School nights, open houses, and school board meetings. Observe what is on display in the halls, libraries, and in the classrooms.

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PARENT EMPOWERMENT

What is a STRUGGLE SESSION and how do I overcome one?



So, you're being put through a struggle session. You know what I mean; the name for what happens when you say or do something Woke Marxists think is unacceptable. The next thing you know you're flooded with insults, demands to apologize, and intense controversy from all sides, including your own friends. The first thing you need to do when this happens to you (which it will eventually) is to step back, calm down, take a breath, and don't react. You are being subjected to a method of psychological torture straight from Maoist China, and it's pressuring you to make a mistake.

Once you have stepped back, what do you do? Well, first, if the struggle session is happening on social media, which is where most of it is probably happening, you need to stop looking at social media. You'll probably feel like everyone can see you and knows you messed up, and maybe even that you brought shame upon your friends and organization. Again, calm down. The vast majority of people you care about don't even know it's happening and won't until you show them or tell them by getting involved. Then you need to understand struggle sessions before you do anything else.

A struggle session is a method of psychological torture designed to make you feel like you have committed a crime against decency that you should feel ashamed of and that you must confess to in order to take the pressure off. The objective of the struggle session, as the Maoist interrogators in China had it, is to get you to "recognize your crimes" and confess to them. If you really did something truly wrong, wouldn't you recognize your crime already, though? That's your first clue that the struggle session is maliciously done in bad faith, not a good-faith effort to correct you in some error. In Mao's China, you were to learn to "recognize your crimes" according to "the people's standpoint." Today and here, it's to get you to accept Woke terms for "right and wrong," confess you did wrong by those terms, and to humiliate yourself against them. Don't do it!


What do you do with this? You don't confess and reject the terms of the so-called "crime" utterly. Remember, apologizing and even trying to explain yourself can constitute a tacit confession, so you shouldn't do any of the first and only do a minimum of the second, if any at all. The terms of the "crime" are contrived, and they're trying to get you to accept them. You retain the choice to reject them completely instead, so don't give in.

What you should do instead is explain what's happening in the clearest terms possible. Say something like, "You are trying to control me and get me to confess to something when I did nothing wrong, and I reject the terms upon which you say I was wrong in the first place. You're being ridiculous and manipulative, and I won't have it." Then, leave it alone as much as possible. Struggle sessions are designed so that anything you say or do is meant to make it worse, including giving in and giving a full tearful confession, apology, and promise to do better, which only breaks your spirit and your authority both with your friends and the enemies visiting the struggle session on you.

If you see someone else being struggled, do not pile on. Do not tell them it would be reasonable to give in and apologize or admit a mistake or any such thing, not even in private. That's going to be felt as exactly the kind of betrayal the struggle session depends upon, and if done publicly, it validates the terms of the struggle session and inflames it. Stand by your friends and say something similar to: "They don't deserve an explanation or an apology because they're being ridiculous and manipulative, and no one owes them anything on terms they contrived." Standing together is crucial.

Last but not least, remember that part of the goal of a struggle session is to humiliate its target, which can drive people to quit or even commit suicide (these were common in Mao's China and one just happened to a teacher in Canada). Do not quit. Do not accept their terms of a contrived crime, and keep on fighting. If you need to take a step back to stay sane while it rages, do so, but it won't last forever. Prove them wrong by staying in the fight and doing the next thing even better. And most importantly, stand together and don't validate the premises of the struggle session itself, no matter how curious you are or how much you think you're helping. Refuse them completely on every level, and don't let them grind you down.


GUEST CONTRIBUTOR, Dr. James Lindsay is an American-born author, mathematician, and political commentator. He has written six books spanning subjects including religion, the philosophy of science, and postmodern theory. Dr. Lindsay is the Founder of New Discourses, an organization dedicated to shining the objective light in the subject darkness and he is currently promoting his new book "Cynical Theories: How Activist Scholarship Made Everything about Race, Gender, and Identity—and Why This Harms Everybody." He has been a featured guest on Fox News, Glenn Beck, Joe Rogan, and NPR.

Dr. Lindsay offered to write a guest piece when Paige Miller, Chair Moms for Liberty Hamilton County, experienced her own STRUGGLE SESSION. She wholeheartedly accepted. Much thanks Dr. Lindsay!! 



PARENT EMPOWERMENT

Hot off the press - Parents' Bill of Rights 4.0

Click to reference entire document 



Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita released a Parents Bill of Rights, providing a roadmap for Hoosier parents and caregivers to exercise their legal right to have a voice in their children's education.



Education policy and curriculum should reflect the values of Indiana families while meeting the mandatory requirements set forth in law. The single most effective way to ensure school accountability is for parents to engage in their children's education. The Parents Bill of Rights empowers them to do just that."

Attorney General Rokita

The Parents Bill of Rights outlines the following rights that Hoosier parents and caregivers are entitled to exercise:

- To question and address your child's school officials and school board members at publicly designated meetings with proper notice of the meetings provided
- To question and review the curriculum taught in your child's school by questioning local school boards and school administrators
- To expect that the academic curriculum taught in your child's school aligns with Indiana and federal law
- To participate in the selection and approval of academic standards for the State of Indiana
- To obtain educational materials and curriculum taught to your child in the classroom
- To run as a candidate for your local school board



Save the date - October 26 (TBD time and location)

PARENT EDUCATION

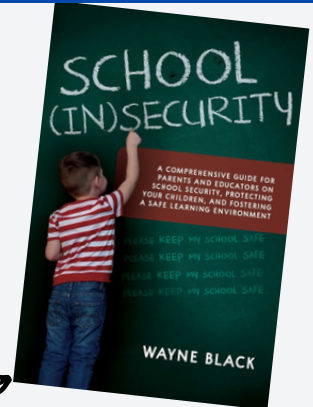
"Mom, I walk into that high school every day wondering if this will be the day there is a shooter on that catwalk, kids are fish in a fishbowl."

said My Child, October 2022

Guest speaker: Wayne Black School Insecurity

A Comprehensive Guide for Parents and educators on School Security, Protecting Your Children, and Fostering a Safe Learning Environment

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IS YOUR CHILD SAFE AT SCHOOL?

Who makes the decisions about your child's safety and security when you send them off to school each day? What does a truly safe school look like? Does your school have an adequate security plan? How can we prevent the unthinkable? It's time to talk about what the parenting books don't teach you: the unmentionable events that occur in US schools every year and how to try to prevent them with invaluable information.

Every time you turn on the news, it seems like there is another active threat on a school in the United States. From Columbine and Uvalde to Parkland and Virginia Tech (to name a few), these unimaginable attacks have brought death, severe injuries and mental trauma upon too many of our country's precious children and teachers. It is 100% certain that another school shooting will occur, yet many people still deny that it could happen at their school. This is a dangerous normalcy bias that puts lives at risk. If it's predictable, it's preventable. Just when you think it can't happen here, it does.

In this comprehensive guidebook for parents and professionals, Wayne Black utilizes over forty-five years of security experience in both the private and public sectors to educate you on:

- Who is responsible for your school's safety and security.
- How to talk to the school board and administration about security policy.
- The most effective physical safeguards for preventing an attack.
- How to detect and report observable concerning behavior.
- The role of security and law officers in schools.
- Easy-to-follow pathways for you to push for positive change when and where it is needed
- Plus simple, helpful checklists to quickly assess school safety

It's time for parents to get involved in their children's safety at school. In the words of Lori Alhadeff, a parent who lost her daughter at Parkland and founder of Make Our Schools Safe, "Your voice is your power."

LEARN MORE
about
Wayne Black by
clicking [HERE](#)

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Carmel HS teacher / student "speed dating" event receives national criticism from Gays Against Groomers

Carmel HS teachers do "speed dating" event to learn sexual preferences of kids

CARMEL, Ind. — REAL News Central Indiana has learned Carmel High School has been pushing "Speed Dating" for students and CHS staff. The event focuses on having teachers delve into the sexual preferences of minor children in an "intimate and anonymous" way.

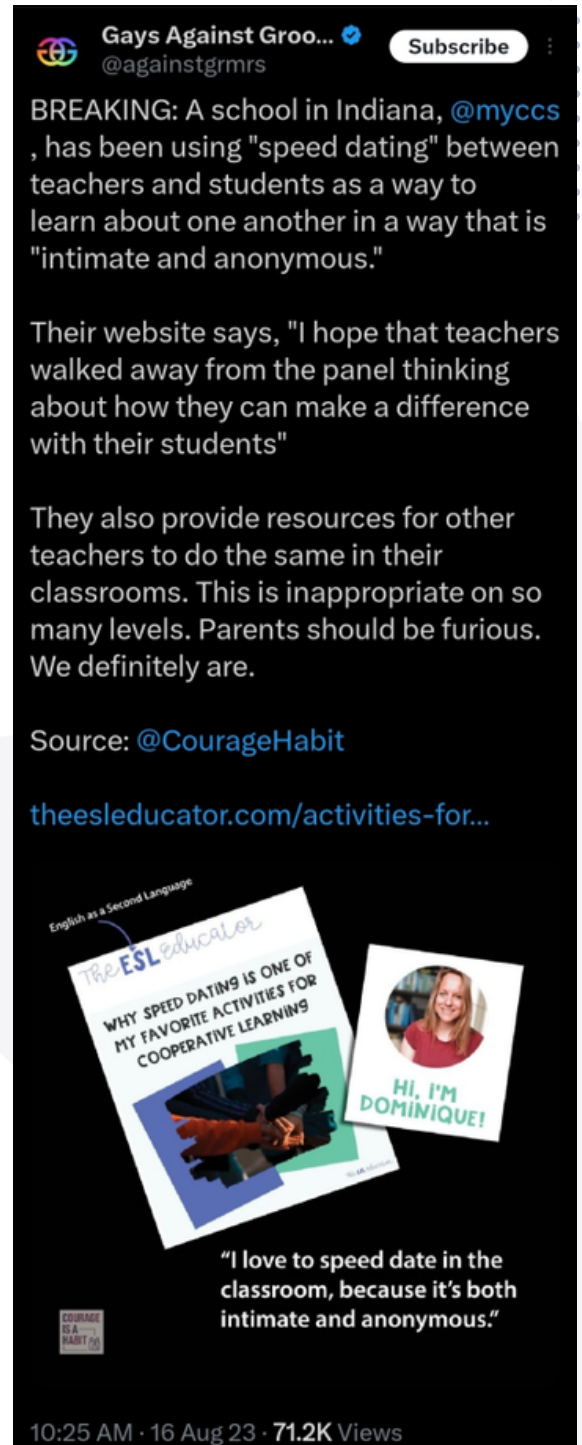
"With intersectionality at the heart of our work, we designed a series of voluntary professional development opportunities to meet and learn more about our diverse student population," an article published by the school district last year explains. "Every session we learn more about the LGBTQ+ community."

The article then quotes a "non-binary" student who reflects on what she spoke to her teachers about.

"I wanted to share my experiences with my teachers to help them gain a better understanding of what it has been like for me at school," said sophomore Caitlin (they/them). "I think it was important that teachers got the opportunity to hear us and learn from us. When we brought the panel up with the members of the Gender-Sexuality Alliance, they were super excited to share their thoughts on what teachers should know."

The article goes on to explain CHS staff are not only celebrating the "speed dating" event, but staff are looking at other ways to continue to sexualize children by "setting up additional audiences with student volunteers through clubs and groups."

The speed dating event recently caught the eye of the organization Gays Against Groomers that took to social media to express its disgust with the inappropriate nature of sexualizing minor children in a public school.



"A school in Indiana has been using 'speed dating' between teachers and students as a way to learn about one another in a way that is 'intimate and anonymous,'" GAG posted on X (formerly known as Twitter). "They also provide resources for other teachers to do the same in their classrooms. This is inappropriate on so many levels. Parents should be furious. We definitely are."

Source: REAL News Central Indiana. Click [HERE](#) for full article.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Carmel Clay Schools again in the National spotlight with Gender Support Plan policy leading to more questions than answers.



Carmel Clay Schools has gender support plan that appears to be based on Gender Spectrum template

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Parents Defending Education submitted a public records request to Carmel Clay Schools seeking any guidance the district has regarding transgender issues. The district provided PDE with a gender support plan used for students who identify as transgender. The plan appears to borrow language and questions from Gender Spectrum's support plan template. The district's support plan asks for a "student's gender" and "assigned sex at birth" as if the two were separate. The following questions are asked on the gender support plan:

- Who will be the point person for ensuring these adjustments are made and communicated as needed?
- How will instances be handled in which the incorrect name or pronoun are used?
- Who will be student's "go to adult" at school?
- Student chooses to use the following restroom(s) on campus.
- Student chooses to change clothes in the following places.
- What are expectations regarding the use of facilities for class trips?
- What are the expectations regarding rooming for any overnight trips?
- Are there any specific social dynamics with other students, families, or staff members that need to be discussed or accounted for?
- Are there lessons, units, content of other activities coming up this year to consider (growth and development, biological body parts, social justice units, name projects, dance instruction, Pride events, school dances, swimming, etc)?
- If the student has asserted a degree of privacy, what are expectations of Carmel Clay Schools if that privacy is compromised? How will a teacher/staff member respond to questions about students gender from: "Parents/Community" is provided as part of this question response.

Source: Parents Defending Education. Click [HERE](#) for full article including CCS Gender Support Guidance form.

IN CLOSING

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

MSG, Galatians 5:22-24

Jesus says **LOVE** your enemies

But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you..."

NKJ, Matthew 5:44

Please join us in prayer -

LORD JESUS, we pray for our enemies today. Please send Your love flowing through us to release any hateful emotions hindering our prayers and quenching Your Spirit in our hearts.

We pray that You will bless our enemies with events that will open their hearts and minds to You. We pray they will discover Your comfort and love, and that they will be humbled before You. We pray You would show them mercy, and, in turn, they show love and mercy to others.

In Your Heavenly Name We Pray, Amen

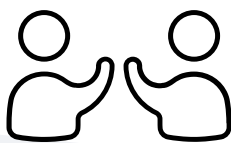
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