

California Public School Kids Now Required to Study Contributions of LGBT Americans

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(CNSNews.com) – On Jan. 1, the California Department of Education started implementing a new law that requires all children in the state’s public schools to study the “role and contributions” of “lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans” to the “development of California and the United States of America.”

This law (<http://e-lobbyist.com/gaits/text/345035>), according to the pro-family group [SaveCalifornia.com](#), will require the schools to promote “lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans as role models” and mandate that “children as young as kindergarten must be taught to admire persons who engage in homosexuality.”

The bill, SB 48 (<http://e-lobbyist.com/gaits/text/345035>), amends Education Code Section 51204.5, which already included the study of men and women of various ethnic groups. A summary of the law states, “The Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful (FAIR) Education Act amends the education code to require schools to integrate factual information about social movements, current events and history of people with disabilities and LGBT people into existing social studies lessons. It also prevents the State Board of Education from adopting instructional materials that discriminate.”

The California Department of Education (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/senatebill48faq.asp>) Web site states, “Instruction in history-social science should include the contributions of those groups listed above in Education Code Section 51204.5, but it is up to local districts to determine how the instructional content is included.”



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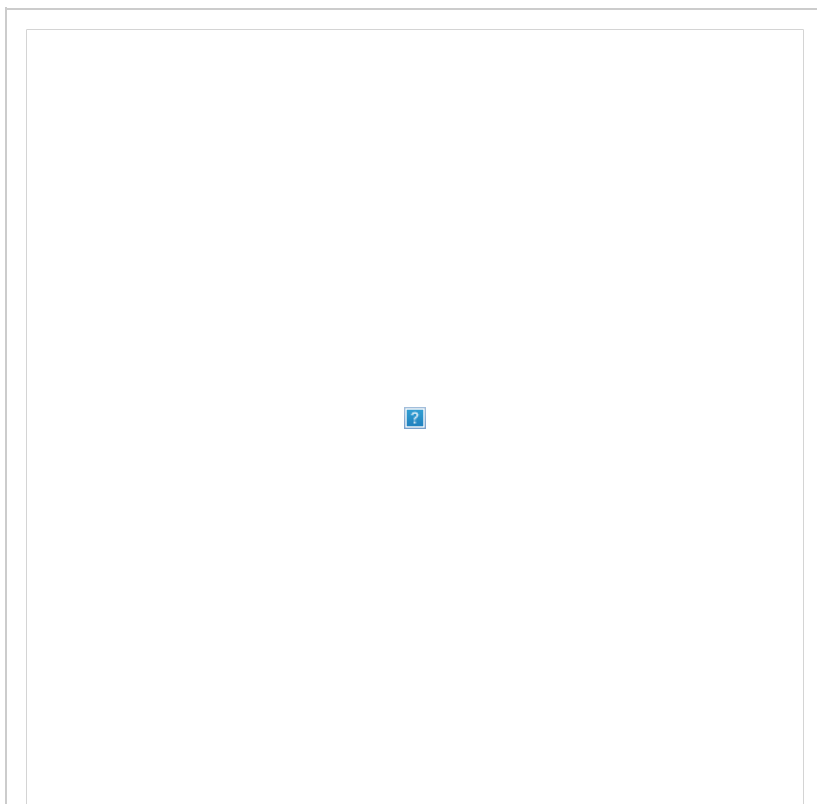
The site says the new law “applies to the course of study in grades one through twelve, but again it falls to the teacher and the local school and district administration to determine how the content is covered and at which grade level(s).”

In a statement published on the site, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said, “I applaud Governor [Jerry] Brown’s decision to sign SB 48 into law, and I congratulate Senator Leno for authoring this important legislation. Our history is more complete when we recognize the contributions of people from all backgrounds and walks of life.”

To meet the new social content requirements, districts may adopt content-reviewed supplemental materials in lieu of new text books, the site says, adding, “After districts have certified that each pupil has been provided with adopted, standards-aligned basic instructional materials, the district may use general funds to purchase supplementary materials that have passed the State’s social content review.”



(AP Photo)



Jeff Littlefield, left, and his husband Tommy Starling pose with their 5-year-old daughter, Carrigan Starling-Littlefield,. Starling and Littlefield became her parents through a surrogacy program in California and later got married in California during a brief period when same-sex marriage was legal there. Carrigan is among the fast-growing multitude of American children - likely more than 1.2 million - being raised by gay and lesbian parents. (AP Photo/Gregory Pittman)

SaveCalifornia.com, (<http://savecalifornia.com/1-3-12-sb-48s-lgbt-role-models-now-in-force.html>) a nonprofit organization that “stands for moral virtues and against the liberal takeover,” issued a statement on its Web site addressing some of the changes resulting from SB 48.



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“Textbooks and instructional materials must positively promote lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans as role models,” said the statement.

It also notes that “children as young as kindergarten must be taught to admire persons who engage in homosexuality, same-sex marriages, bisexuality, and transsexuality (cross-dressing and sex-change operations).”

Further, the organization says that parents of California schoolchildren will not be notified and will not be able to exempt their children from the new social content materials.

“It’s decision time for California parents,” said Randy Thomasson, president of SaveCalifornia.com. “Children will be taught to see homosexuality, bisexuality, cross-dressing, sex-change operations, and homosexual marriages as good and natural and perhaps even for them.”

SB 48 does not require teachers to instruct children of the health risks associated with homosexual activity.

“SB 48 absolutely prohibits the government schools from teaching the facts that homosexuality is inherently unnatural and unhealthy with the highest rate of sexually transmitted diseases and the highest mode of transmission for HIV/AIDS,” said Thomasson.



“The truth is prohibited; the facts are prevented,” he says. “It’s ironic and sad that children in California government schools will be taught that cigarettes are negative, driving drunk is negative, drug use is negative, but they won’t be taught homosexuality is unhealthy.”

In Thomasson’s opinion, the government-run schools are beyond reform. “The only clear solution is to rescue your children from the immoral, imploding, dysfunctional state school establishment,” he said.

The California Department of Education Web site explains how districts should address questions and concerns about the legislation stating, “As with any other district policy, school districts should be open and transparent in determining policies with regard to the implementation of this and any legislation.”

The site quotes an Education Code section: “Each district board shall provide for substantial teacher involvement in the selection of instructional materials and shall promote the involvement of parents and other members of the community in the selection of instructional materials.”





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TH30PH1LUS • a year ago

How about kids just learn about the contributions of individuals in the advancement of knowledge or the arts or any other field, without highlighting what they did with their genitals?

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C.C. • 4 years ago

This article I find interesting. I agree with neither side. Both sides are on the extreme. I don't think that the children should be forced to view them as role models, nor do I think that homosexuality, or bisexuality are inherently evil. I think that they should definitely be present in what is taught. but it shouldn't emphasize it as much as this

bill is proclaimed to in this very opinionated with strong hints of emotional manipulation(and therefore of questionable reputability). There will always be a fraction of any population that will not be strictly heterosexual. I believe that what is taught should pertain to the actual figures, and if they are forced to view homosexual and bisexual people as role models, they should also be taught any of the risks pertaining just as they would learn the risks of any relationship.

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In summary, Tolerance and acceptance should be taught above all else, not single principles of differences to view with disdain or forced role models.

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mark • 6 years ago

Mary shut the heck up, cant you see that they are brainwashing kids with this shit, and you are saying hate? Are you blind, its people like you that are so corrupt, and whole nation suffers as a result. Open your eyes, and see that gays hate you, and want your soul..

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M.G. ➔ mark • 2 years ago

I don't discriminate against any race, sexual preference, or religion. But when my children are forced to learn about LGBT in school, makes me furious! What about parental rights, morals, religious beliefs? They're brain washing our children! The world is bad enough as it is. We must stick together to stop this, it's not right. Don't force this upon our children!!!

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Mary • 6 years ago

Here I thought God loves all his children. That some of His supposed followers actually breed hate instead of love is very sad and un-Christ like. Ironic. Homosexuality is not the problem in this world but it's hate. Let your children make up there own minds by learning more about the world, not just your views. And to Mr. Randy Thomasson I'm just curious as to when it became a "fact" that homosexuality is "unhealthy"? Hate is unhealthy so stop hatting on those who are different. Jesus didn't.

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Asiamichael7 ➔ Mary • 6 years ago

it is not hate, but abomination as spelled out in Roman chapt 2, levticus 18:22 God love every of His Creation, but He hates the sins of His creatures who forsake the natural to unnatural. This an abomination that lead to death even His beloved Lucifer who disobey HIM. Homsexuality is not born but confused in the mind, misled by those who are bisexually (especially men and women who seek to control, who are not satisfied with their natural sex life, and mislead others as normal or different) There is a book written by a doctor who is genetically trained and it is called "born gay?" He proved through science that there is many mis-information or lies by the leftist to confuse the world and now in american churches by the democrat leaders who treat marriage as nothing more that a piece of paper.

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Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name ➔ Mary • 6 years ago

God's children are those who receive Christ. They are not His children who do not receive Christ.

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Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name ➔ Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name • 6 years ago

What is "love." biblically?

When one, biblically, "loves," what does he do? What does he say?

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Mary → Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name • 6 years ago

"4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" Corinthians 13:4-8

But this is only one version of the New Testament Bible (there are many Bibles in the world)

On a different note Jews didn't receive Christ yet they are considered God's chosen.

The point is California is deciding to teach about PEOPLE integral to our history REGARDLESS of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation.

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Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name → Mary • 6 years ago

The "for love" verse tells us what love does, not what it IS. It does not tell us to have fellowship with the elements of evil. Jesus didn't love the Devil.

What IS biblical "love"? How did Jesus demonstrate it?

John 1:12 KJV shows us that only those who receive Christ are children of God. There is no reference to "children of God" in the Old Testament. The Jews are "children of Israel."

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Bugefowler • 6 years ago

Way to go fags spread it around.

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ArtieThe1 • 6 years ago

Why not contributions of all Americans? Why does sexual orientation have to be a factor?

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Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name → ArtieThe1 • 6 years ago

THEY make it a factor.

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Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name → ArtieThe1 • 6 years ago

Because that chosen orientation is detested by God and we believe God, and because it is an agenda to be imposed on the rest of us.

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Patti_matthews • 6 years ago

California has always been a haven for leftists with off beat ideas. Wouldn't it be better to teach them the TRUE American history? I don't believe psychologically elementary school age children are prepared for bizarre behaviors. If they teach about homosexually etc. are they going to teach about the good of being an average American who don't have strange feelings or ideas? The average American doesn't brag about having relationships between and a woman. What the hell is happening to our Nation?

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Bigthetan • 6 years ago

I think I'm gonna PUKE !!!!! They say the "big shaker" (earthquake), that will REALLY bring California DOWN, is COMING. Well, that state just gets MORE SLEAZY and PERVERSE and DECADENT every damned year. Sometimes the decline is MONTHLY. Well, maybe the "big shaker" is what the SO-CALLED "Golden State" DESERVES !!!!



earnhart • 6 years ago

i am talking through MY hat? you're talking about adults and i'm talking about elementary aged children. a parent controls what his/her small child is exposed to. t.v., movies, teaching by example,... do not presume to tell me about the children that i have cared for, you sound foolish. and, children are indeed the victims of homosexuals as well as straight men and women. i deal in facts not fairytales. seems that this has hit home with you on some personal level. i'm sorry.

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Adam • 6 years ago

Gay men just haven't met the right woman yet.

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A_Democrat → Adam • 6 years ago

That's just not true. Gay men are men who are sexually attracted to males instead of females. It's not about finding the right woman.

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ArtieThe1 → A_Democrat • 6 years ago

Homosexuality is an evolutionary dead end. You cannot reproduce after your own kind.

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Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name → ArtieThe1 • 6 years ago

The choice to go homo is a dead end from the choice perspective, as far as the evolution of choice goes.

This statement -- "You cannot produce after your own kind" -- is interesting cuz I've been preparing a message based on this.

God created vegetation after its own kind.

God created the animals after THEIR own kind.

God Specially-Created Man after HIS [read: God's] Own Kind.

Then, Man created himself after his own kind, and that's why we must be born again, thank you Adam and Eve.

Being born again, born of God, we are re-created after His Own Kind through Christ. Those who are not born again remain in the image of Adam.

So, now, on the other hand, those who claim to be homo

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A_Democrat → ArtieThe1 • 6 years ago

That's true. So what, though? Gay people are people, and should be treated as such.

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Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name → A_Democrat • 6 years ago

They already are.

You, though, want them to be treated as homo, not persons. I'm not treated as heterosexual, only a person. The Constitution protects persons, not homo, or heterosexual.

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Kinsey6 → A_Democrat • 6 years ago

A_Democrat, you are exactly correct. People who believe that gay men just haven't met the right woman yet are ignorant and uneducated. Problem is, they simply do not realize just how ignorant they really are. This is like saying to a straight man that he just hasn't met the right guy yet.

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Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name → A_Democrat • 6 years ago

Adam is correct. You just don't know it yet.

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Dmcook5 • 6 years ago

So....we now are teaching our children to worship specific people on the basis of how they have sex??? If someone contributed to society, invented something, cured a disease, created a great peice of music (big Queen fan here) or art why does their sexuality even have to be brought into it???? I personally do not care what you do in your bedroom. I do however think it is inappropriate to be shoving it at school children who in many cases (first and second grade) who have not even been taught the heterosexual "birds and bees" yet!! Geez I remember having to bring a consent form signed from my Mom before we were allowed to see a film teaching us about the monthly female "cycle"!! Now they are talking about homosexuality and how wonderful it is before they are out of kindergarten??? If it is so "natural" and no big deal, then talk about PEOPLE that made contributions to society, but you don't need to rave and shove their sex practices in childrens faces, especially behind their parents backs or against their wishes!!!!

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carol snyder → Dmcook5 • 4 years ago

Excellent point

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ReasonWillTriumph → Dmcook5 • 6 years ago

Were you taught to "worship" Christopher Columbus? The Founding Fathers?

Is that what you think "worship" is?

I do agree that focusing on a historical person's sexuality is dumb.

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arugula → ReasonWillTriumph • 6 years ago

"I do agree that focusing on a historical person's sexuality is dumb." - ReasonWillTriumph

As dumb as defining and judging someone's whole life by it or measuring everything a person is, says and accomplishes by it?

Because t is so constant and we are so used to it, most of us have no idea how soaked in heterosexuality our society is.

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TwiggieClark → arugula • 6 years ago

dancer said

"Because t is so constant and we are so used to it, most of us have no idea how soaked in heterosexuality our society is"

It seems like you are trying to vilify heterosexuality, like it's a bad thing. Heterosexuality is only the natural order of things and is the building blocks of any society, so of course society is going to be soaked in it.

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Diviiney • 6 years ago

Do you remember the day when if you said that you were gay, it meant with joy that you could scream and shout? When a fairy was enchanting and dressing up and camping, was something that you did with the scouts. Oh that innocent age when urgent case of aids, was powered milk we sent to the Sahara, a fruit was something nice to eat, a poof was something for your feet, and a queen was an old tart in a tiara? Oh look what they've done to our oor old Mother tongue, it's a crime they way they've misussed it.

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A_Democrat → Diviiney • 6 years ago

Well, you don't have to think of "fruit", "poof" and "queen" in terms of homosexual people. For many, the term "gay" or "homosexual" is fine.

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Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name → A_Democrat • 6 years ago



It's fine for us, too, if he uses "fruit," "poof" and "queen" cuz they all apply to the same thing.

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ReasonWillTriumph → Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name • 6 years ago

Just like fundy, wingnut, and lunatic all apply to the same thing.

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Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name → ReasonWillTriumph
• 6 years ago

Oh, gee. A queer calls me "fundy, wingnut and lunatic."

There goes another night's sleep.

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Diviney • 6 years ago

Poor children. Poor state. And poor mindless, misguided legislators being bought and sold on the open market.

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arugula → Diviney • 6 years ago

How do so many people keep missing the point?

If you want to tell yourself the lie that all Christians are fine upstanding people who never do anything vile, illegal or immoral that's up to you. Plenty of Christians lie, cheat, steal and beat their wives and kids. Plenty of Christians are hypocritical and a LOT of HORRIBLE Christian leaders are sleeping with people in their congregations... even kids. I could care less what couples do at home in private. I care about what kind of people they are and what kind of lives they lead. I care if they contribute positively to the community.

When any group of people have been dehumanized bringing them into the fold so they can have their LEGAL constitutional rights restored, it becomes necessary to drop the lies used to disenfranchise them in the first place and see them as the human beings they really are. Just as people tried to stop schools telling the truth about black achievements and their valuable contributions to society it is now necessary to let people know that the LGBT community are human beings like the rest of us. That is not done to shove anything down your throat - it is to get rid of the vicious lies that have been

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TwiggieClark → arugula • 6 years ago

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I agree with you, Christians are not perfect, but someone who has repented of their sins will no longer live in that life of sin; if they do, they have never repented of their sins to begin with, so at best, they are wearing the label of a Christian. The Bible tell us that "we shall know them by their fruits, a good tree bears good fruit and a bad tree bears bad fruit". If they are lying, cheating, stealing, beating their wives, and fornicating, then obviously their fruit is corrupted and not of the good tree.

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Jaswhltl → arugula • 6 years ago

God did destroy Sodom and Gommorah once, and after that flooded the earth. He will do it again. Be warned..... Repent

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kaokie → Jaswhltl • 6 years ago

He won't do it again, after the flood, He said He wouldn't destroy mankind for being evil, that's why He sent Jesus to be 'the Light and the Way'.

He gave dominion over the earth to man, God's dominion is Heaven - that's why we were given 'free will' to make our own choices between Good and Evil. Jesus was sent to teach God's Word and His life is the pattern to follow for 'the Way to God's dominion', Jesus said something to the effect that 'as I am, so can you be' (that's a misquote but if you're interested you can look up His exact words). Lucifer/Satan, obviously, is the choice for Evil.

True homosexuality is an aberration of nature, and as such, there are examples in nature. Although it is not common, it is usually seen in the non-predatory species. It is rarely seen in predatory species since, for survival purposes it is necessary for predators to 'conform', deviations from the norm are not acceptable, therefore, most aberrations are subject to the 'laws of nature'.

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Twalters7719 → Jaswhltl • 6 years ago

Do you really believe that God destroyed Sodom and Gommorah. Genesis is pure fiction. Most Christians recognize this fact.

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Tjmo → Twalters7719 • 6 years ago

Are you kidding? Most Christians know the fact that God did destroy Sodom and Gommorah and that all of the bible is absolute truth. Where do you think we get the word sodomy?

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earnhart → Twalters7719 • 6 years ago

it is definately not ficion. youtube and chuck missler on genisis

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Mr. Incredible, in Jesus' Name → Twalters7719 • 6 years ago

God destroyed Sodom and Gommorah.

If you choose to want to choose to believe that Genesis is pure fiction, I can't stop you.

Who's this "most Christians"?

Whose "fact"?

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D. Barton • 6 years ago

Most parents cannot afford the tuition at private christian schools (\$650 per month or more, last time I checked.) And not everyone has the time or financial or intellectual resources to homeschool. The churches need to step up and offer quality affordable education, instead of building these worship palaces.

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Twalters7719 → D. Barton • 6 years ago

I send my children to a private catholic school as they offer an excellent education, however, I also teach my children at home that discrimination against homosexuals is a horrible and cowardly act.

This CA law makes discrimination by educators illegal, nothing more.

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PhilJourdan → Twalters7719 • 6 years ago

SURPRISE! The Catholic schools teach that as well. Catholics do not hate gays (half the priesthood is gay). They consider the act of homosexuality a sin - just as they consider any sexual act outside of

marriage a sin.

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TwiggieClark ➔ Twalters7719 • 6 years ago

Twalters7719 said..

"This CA law makes discrimination by educators illegal, nothing more."

This law is being used to shove the acceptance of perverted sexual behaviors down our throats, it's just under the guise of "social contributions to the country". Does it really matter who these people had sex with? When information on George Washington is being taught, the teachers don't say "here is George Washington, he was a straight heterosexual male." This a political ploy to indoctrinate children into believing homosexuality is safe, natural, normal, and equal to heterosexuality, which is blatant lie.

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Twalters7719 ➔ TwiggieClark • 6 years ago

Have you read the law?

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earnhart ➔ D. Barton • 6 years ago

AMEN!!!!!!!!!!!! just what i have been saying. reminds me of an ole country saying, "Talk is cheap but money buys whiskey".

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