

# 'Gay' Activists Use California School Kids to Push Their Agenda

*A must read for parents: radical initiatives in California will directly affect what your children learn.*

Under the mantras of “tolerance” and “safety,” homosexual activists have targeted our children as change agents to normalize their behavior in America, and California is at the forefront.

Oakland Unified School District has a middle school “tolerance” program called “Erasing Homophobia.” Los Angeles Unified School District has guidelines addressing the pronouns by which “gender nonconforming” students (such as boys wearing dresses) should be referred, together with special restroom and locker room recommendations.

Members of the nation’s first legislative Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) State Caucus and their allies regularly introduce bills affecting every area of state regulations. This year, with the help of a radical liberal majority, homosexual activists passed a record 14 pieces of LGBT legislation.

## **CWA of California wins three major battles**

CWA of California has been actively fighting these bills, including several key education measures. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) vetoed one particularly

outrageous education bill (Senate Bill 1437), due in large part to the pressure he faced from local CWA members.

He also vetoed two other bills: a “tolerance” education pilot program (A.B. 1056) and one allowing the superintendent of public instruction to withhold state funds from schools that fail to adequately implement the state’s anti-discrimination and anti-harass-



ment policy (A.B. 606).

No one should be physically or emotionally attacked at school, but it is irresponsible to teach our children to “respect” aberrant and dangerous sexual behaviors.

## **California’s education policies have national implications**

Senate Bill 1437 originally required schools to portray historical contributions of “LGBT” people in the “total development” of California and the United States. A flood of calls from outraged parents forced the removal of that requirement, but much of

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the bill's intent remained intact. The final version would have prohibited any instruction or school activities that "reflected adversely" upon persons because of their "gender identity" or "sexual orientation," effectively silencing any objection to homosexual behavior, including mention of the many health risks.

A similar measure will probably return next year. In the meantime, textbook publishers, who look to California as one of the top three national textbook consumers, have sensed the political climate here and are most likely already changing their content to address these issues.

### **Parents in Middle America take note: What happens in California affects what your children learn in your state!**

While CWA's California leaders are at the forefront of this battle for our children, they certainly are not alone. California is a testing ground, and left-wing activists openly state they will use these tactics elsewhere.

Massachusetts, another key battleground state, already has a taxpayer-financed Gay and Lesbian Youth Commission.

Recently, a high school in Batavia, New York, demanded that students and staff recognize a long-time male teacher as female — even presenting a gender identity disorder program at a back-to-school assembly. Parents' requests to transfer distressed students to other classes have been denied.

National events such as "The Day of Silence" and "Ally Week," organized by the

powerful Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network (GLSEN), promote homosexuality to your children.

Its founder, Kevin Jennings, claims, "We're gonna win because of what's happening in high schools right now."

Much younger children are also targets, however. At a GLSEN conference, a teacher said that she thought it was important to acquaint pupils with homosexuality beginning in kindergarten, because "that's when the saturation process begins."

### **CWA members make a difference for children**

Sexual radicals' lobbying efforts are strong, consistent, and tenacious.

Parents must be active in their local schools and all citizens must be vigilant: oppose efforts by your state legislatures to use your children as pawns in a politically correct game. This crucial fight is winnable when people understand the stakes and commit to action.

Even in liberal Montgomery County, Maryland, parents aided by Liberty Counsel, which filed a lawsuit on behalf of Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays (PFOX), were able to derail a pro-homosexuality and promiscuity sex education program. CWA strategized with PFOX and other groups.

Your CWA staff will remain tireless in working to keep our children safe. We couldn't do it without your support.

*For more on what's happening in California, visit the state Web site at [ca.cwfa.org](http://ca.cwfa.org). ■*

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